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2005 South Dakota
Legislative Manual
Elections



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ELECTION STATISTICS**GENERAL ELECTION, OCTOBER 1, 1889** (First election under the Constitution)**Congress**

Oscar S. Gifford, R	54,983
John A. Pickler, R	54,105
Linneus Q. Jeffries, D	23,229
S. M. Booth, D	22,535

Governor

Arthur C. Mellette, R	53,964
P. F. McClure, D	23,840

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1890**Congress**

John R. Gamble, R	34,553
John A. Pickler, R	34,856
F. A. Clark, D	17,527
W. Y. Quigley, D	17,767
F. A. Leavitt, Ind.	24,907
Fred Lipp, Ind.	24,805

Governor

Arthur C. Mellette, R	34,487
Maris Taylor, D	18,484
H. L. Loucks, Ind.	24,591

SPECIAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 1891**Congress**

John L. Jolley, R	18,220
Henry W. Smith, Ind.	15,200
James M. Wood, D	7,414

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1892**Congress**

John A. Pickler, R	33,769
W. V. Lucas, R	33,288
Chauncey L. Wood, D	736
L. E. Whitchee, D	14,218
Wm. Lardner, Ind.	24,659
J. E. Kelley, Ind.	25,444

Governor

Chas. H. Sheldon, R	33,414
Peter Couchman, D	14,472
A. L. Van Osdel, Ind.	22,524

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1894**Congress**

Robt. J. Gamble, R	40,383
John A. Pickler, R	40,623
Wm. A. Lynch, D	8,102
Roger F. Connor, D	8,041
John E. Kelley, D	27,383
Freeman Knowles, Ind.	27,354
Geo. A. Ragan, Pro.	872
A. Jamieson, Pro.	823

Governor

Chas. H. Sheldon, R.	40,381
Isaac Howe, Ind.	26,568
James A. Ward, D.	8,756
M. D. Alexander, Pro.	1,011

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1896**Congress**

Freeman Knowles, Peop.	41,233
John E. Kelley, Peop.	41,125
Robt. J. Gamble, R.	40,943
Coe I. Crawford, R.	40,575
M. H. Alexander, Pro.	683
K. Lewis, Pro.	722

Governor

A. O. Ringsrud, R.	40,868
Andrew E. Lee, Peop.	41,187
J. F. Hanson, Pro.	722

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1898**Congress**

Robert J. Gamble, R.	38,780
Chas. H. Burke, R.	36,295
F. Knowles, Fusion.	32,240
J. E. Kelley, Fusion.	32,314
A. Jamieson, Pro.	882
M. D. Alexander, Pro.	856

Governor

Kirk G. Phillips, R.	36,949
Andrew E. Lee, Fusion.	37,319
K. Lewis, Pro.	891

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1900**Congress**

Chas. H. Burke, R.	53,583
Eben W. Martin, R.	53,550
Andrew E. Lee, Fusion.	40,610
Joseph B. Moore, Fusion.	39,830
Edm. F. English, Pop.	305
John M. Pease, Pop.	294
O. A. Harpel, Pro.	1,323
M. Rogers, Pro.	1,241

Governor

Chas. N. Herreid, R.	53,803
Burre H. Lien, Fusion.	40,091
F. J. Carlisle, Pro.	1,331
L. E. Stair, Pop.	316

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1902**Congress**

Chas. H. Burke, R.	48,310
Eben W. Martin, R.	48,454
John R. Wilson, D.	21,113
F. C. Robinson, D.	20,814

J. W. Kelley, Pro.....	2,317
W. W. Smith, Pro.....	2,251
Freeman Knowles, Soc.....	2,738
Walter Price, Soc.....	2,578
Governor	
Chas. N. Herreid, R.....	48,196
John W. Martin, D.....	21,396
H. H. Curtis, Pro.....	2,245
John C. Crawford, Soc.....	2,620

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1904

Congress	
Chas. H. Burke, R.....	69,936
Eben W. Martin, R.....	70,002
W. A. Lynch, D.....	22,640
Wesley A. Stewart, D.....	22,692
H. W. Smith, Soc.....	3,115
S. A. Cochrane, Soc.....	3,064
A. J. McCain, People's Party.....	1,216
G. W. Lattin, People's Party.....	1,175
A. Jamieson, Pro.....	3,012
C. Thompson, Pro.....	2,961
Governor	
Samuel H. Elrod, R.....	68,561
Louis N. Crill, D.....	24,772
Freeman Knowles, Soc.....	3,028
R. C. Warne, People's Party.....	1,114
W. J. Edgar, Pro.....	2,916

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1906

Congress	
Philo Hall, R.....	48,096
Wm. H. Parker, R.....	47,971
Wm. S. Elder, D.....	19,976
Sam A. Ramsey, D.....	19,791
James Kirwan, Soc.....	2,439
Henry A. Berge, Soc.....	2,349
C. V. Templeton, Pro.....	3,392
R. J. Day, Pro.....	3,313
Governor	
Coe I. Crawford, R.....	48,709
John A. Stransky, D.....	19,923
Freeman Knowles, Soc.....	2,542
Knute Lewis, Pro.....	3,398

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 9, 1908

Republican		Democratic	
U. S. Senate			
Coe I. Crawford.....	35,151		
Alfred B. Kittredge.....	33,086		
Congress		Congress	
Wilbur S. Glass.....	28,993	Robt. E. Dowdell.....	4,702
Philo Hall.....	29,983	C. J. B. Harris.....	3,136

Chas. H. Burke	32,176	Andrew H. Oleson	3,048
Eben W. Martin	30,293	Tazewell M. Simmons	2,675
		Andrew M. Owen	68
Governor		Governor	
John L. Browne	30,860	Andrew E. Lee	7,567
Robt. S. Vessey	32,024		
Prohibition		Socialist	
		U. S. Senate	
Congress		H. C. Middlebrook	403
E. S. Chappell	894	Congress	
L. R. Erskine	851	S. H. Goodfellow	398
		Thos. G. Deffenbach	427
		Governor	
		J. C. Knapp	451

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1908

Congress	
Chas. H. Burke, R	67,400
Eben W. Martin, R	67,582
Robert E. Dowdell, D	38,758
Andrew H. Olson, D	38,622
E. S. Chappell, Pro.	3,785
L. R. Erskine, Pro.	3,728
T. G. Deffenbach, Soc.	2,676
S. H. Goodfellow, Soc.	2,660
L. V. Schneider, S. J.	55
W. S. Bray, S. J.	53
Congress (to fill vacancy caused by death of Wm. H. Parker)	
Eben W. Martin, R	65,962
W. W. Soule, D	39,865
Governor	
Robt. S. Vessey, R	62,989
Andrew E. Lee, D	44,837
G. F. Knappen, Pro.	3,536
J. C. Knapp, Soc.	2,542

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE, 1910

Republican		Democratic	
Congress		Congress	
Charles H. Burke	33,254	W. W. Soule	5,778
Eben W. Martin	31,901	J. E. Kelley	5,808
Thomas Thorson.....	28,222		
John F. Schrader.....	26,725		
Governor		Governor	
Robert S. Vessey	26,372	Chauncey L. Wood.....	6,181
Samuel H. Elrod	20,335		
George W. Egan	21,446		
Prohibition			
Congress			
W. J. Edgar	674		
Knute Lewis	642		
Governor			
O. W. Butterfield	687		

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1910**Congress**

Charles H. Burke, R.	64,777
Eben W. Martin, R.	64,495
W. W. Soule, D.	32,655
J. E. Kelley, D.	32,329
Knute Lewis, Pro.	4,140
W. J. Edgar, Pro.	4,124
Isaac M. Burnside, Ind.	1,587

Governor

Robert S. Vessey, R.	61,744
Chauncey L. Wood, D.	37,983
O. W. Butterfield, Pro.	4,506
M. G. Opsahl, Ind.	1,579

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE, 1912**Republican****U. S. Senate**

Thomas Sterling	25,896
Robert J. Gamble	25,161
R. O. Richards	16,983
Melvin Grigsby	5,941

Congress, 1st Dist.

C. H. Dillon.	12,791
Otis L. Branson.	12,087

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Charles H. Burke	14,470
Ira O. Curtiss.	12,020
Wilbur S. Glass	4,550

Congress, 3rd Dist.

Eben W. Martin	11,765
Albert H. Wheaton.	4,342

Governor

Frank M. Byrne.	38,660
Geo. W. Egan	29,481
Loomis S. Cull	6,576

Prohibition**U. S. Senate**

Quincy Lee Morrow.	647
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Congress, 1st Dist.

C. V. Templeton.	257
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Congress, 2nd Dist.

W. J. Edgar.	445
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Governor

O. W. Butterfield	636
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Democratic**U. S. Senate**

R. F. Pettigrew	10,721
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Congress, 1st Dist.

Robert E. Dowdell	3,036
Emil J. Woerth	1,958

Congress, 2nd Dist.

C. Boyd Barrett, Sr.	1,810
E. W. Fiske	1,686

Congress, 3rd Dist.

Harry L. Gandy	1,608
Walter E. Wolff	1,308

Governor

P. F. Wickhem	5,727
Edwin S. Johnson.	7,092

Socialist**Congress, 1st Dist.**

E. M. Jacobson	202
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Congress, 2nd Dist.

E. Francis Atwood	336
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Congress, 3rd Dist.

J. E. Ballinger.	295
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Governor

Samuel Lovett.	636
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GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1912**Congress, 1st Dist.**

C. H. Dillon, R.	25,498
Robert E. Dowdell, D.	18,051
C. V. Templeton, Pro.	1,174
E. M. Jacobson, Soc.	997

Congress, 2nd Dist.	
Charles H. Burke, R.	23,170
C. Boyd Barrett, Sr., D	14,283
W. J. Edgar, Pro.	1,172
E. Francis Atwood, Soc.	1,573
Congress, 3rd Dist.	
Eben W. Martin, R.	15,141
Harry L. Gandy, D.	12,154
J. E. Ballinger, Soc.	1,564
Governor	
Frank M. Byrne, R.	57,160
Edwin S. Johnson, D	53,850
O. W. Butterfield, Pro.	3,339
Samuel Lovett, Soc.	3,479

PRIMARY ELECTION, MARCH 24, 1914

Republican		Democratic	
U. S. Senate		U. S. Senate	
Charles H. Burke	25,201	Ed. S. Johnson	11,422
Coe I. Crawford	19,992	Congress, 1st Dist.	
Congress, 1st Dist.		Theo. Bailey	4,095
Dick Woods	6,127	Congress, 2nd Dist.	
C. H. Dillon	9,225	J. M. King	3,731
Congress, 2nd Dist.		Congress, 3rd Dist.	
Frank McNulty	8,630	Harry L. Gandy	3,288
Royal C. Johnson	10,198	Governor	
Congress, 3rd Dist.		J. W. McCarter	11,182
Wm. G. Rice	4,180	Prohibition	
J. G. Bartine	3,416	U. S. Senate	
Governor		O. W. Butterfield	582
R. O. Richards	9,757	Congress, 1st Dist.	
H. B. Anderson	16,160	K. O. Stakke	157
Frank M. Byrne	20,018	Congress, 2nd Dist.	
Socialist		V. B. Jump	376
U. S. Senate		Governor	
E. P. Johnson	757	C. K. Thompson	581
Congress, 1st Dist.			
D. C. Bond	151		
Congress, 2nd Dist.			
E. Francis Atwood	335		
Congress, 3rd Dist.			
Fred L. Fairchild	261		
Governor			
John C. Knapp	748		

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1914

U. S. Senate	
Charles H. Burke, R.	44,244
Edwin S. Johnson, D	48,076
O. W. Butterfield, Pro.	2,406
E. P. Johnson, Soc.	2,674
H. L. Loucks	2,104
Congress, 1st Dist.	
C. H. Dillon R.	22,058

Theodore Bailey, D.	13,678
K. O. Stakke, Pro.	855
D. C. Bond, Soc.	794
A. L. Van Osdel.	745
Congress, 2nd Dist.	
Royal C. Johnson, R.	20,054
John M. King, D.	11,710
V. B. Jump, Pro.	995
E. Francis Atwood, Soc.	1,033
H. P. Packard.	756
Congress, 3rd Dist.	
William G. Rice, R.	10,732
Harry L. Gandy, D.	12,364
Fred L. Fairchild, Soc.	861
Governor	
Frank M. Byrne, R.	49,138
J. W. McCarter, D.	34,542
C. K. Thompson, Pro.	2,072
John C. Knapp, Soc.	2,664
R. O. Richards.	9,725

PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 23, 1916

Republican	Democratic
Congress, 1st Dist.	Congress, 1st Dist.
C. H. Dillon. 10,268	O. D. Anderson. 4,004
C. A. Christopherson. 9,725	
Congress, 2nd Dist.	Congress, 2nd Dist.
R. C. Johnson. 15,146	J. J. Batterton. 3,258
Parmley. 4,925	
Congress, 3rd Dist.	Congress, 3rd Dist.
John G. Bartine. 3,565	Harry L. Gandy. 4,283
Patterson. 2,903	Johnson. 2,440
Hayes. 1,445	
Farham. 866	
Governor	Governor
Peter Norbeck. 31,987	Orville E. Rinehart. 6,529
George Egan. 11,442	Edmund D. Morcom. 5,714
Richard O. Richards. 10,449	
Prohibition	Socialist
	Congress, 1st Dist.
	H. W. Fenner. 114
Congress, 2nd Dist.	Congress, 2nd Dist.
R. Clendening. 295	E. Francis Atwood. 285
	Congress, 3rd Dist.
	B. M. Mulcahy. 287
Governor	Governor
C. K. Thompson. 526	Fred L. Fairchild. 699

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1916

Congress, 1st Dist.	
C. H. Dillon R.	28,674
O. D. Anderson, D.	19,846
H. W. Fenner, Soc.	863

Congress, 2nd Dist.

R. C. Johnson, R	28,366
J. J. Batterton, D	16,342
E. Francis Atwood, Soc.	1,592
R. Clendening, Pro.	862

Congress, 3rd Dist.

John G. Bartine, R	12,203
Harry L. Gandy, D	16,581
B. M. Mulcahy, Soc.	1,017

Governor

Peter Norbeck, R	72,789
Orville E. Rinehart, D	50,545
Fred L. Fairchild, Soc.	3,556
C. K. Thompson, Pro.	1,630

PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 28, 1918**Republican****U. S. Senate**

Frank M. Byrne	17,264
Thomas Sterling	21,516

Congress, 1st Dist.

Charles A. Christopherson	5,575
Charles Dillon	5,317
Dwight	1,720

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Royal C. Johnson	13,857
McLean	3,916

Congress, 3rd Dist.

Atwater	6,384
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Governor

Peter Norbeck	35,752
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Socialist**U. S. Senate**

John C. Knapp	252
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Congress, 1st Dist.

Carlson	29
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Congress, 2nd Dist.

E. Francis Atwood	106
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Congress, 3rd Dist.

Basford	103
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Governor

Anderson	241
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GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1918**U. S. Senate**

Thomas Sterling, R	51,198
Orville Rinehart, D	36,210
Rafferty, Ind.	5,560

Congress, 1st Dist.

Charles A. Christopherson, R	19,443
Robert E. Dowdell, D	14,899
Carlson, Ind.	338
Wipf, Ind.	1,235

Democratic**U. S. Senate**

Coffey	2,949
Kelley	2,606
Orville Rinehart	3,848

Congress, 1st Dist.

Robert E. Dowdell	2,645
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Congress, 2nd Dist.

Jacobs	1,202
J. W. McCarter	1,597

Congress, 3rd Dist.

Harry L. Gandy	3,462
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Governor

James E. Bird	8,361
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Congress, 2nd Dist.

Royal C. Johnson, R	21,657
McCarter, D	8,401

Congress, 3rd Dist.

Atwater, R	7,805
Harry L. Gandy, D	10,865
Basford, Soc.	255
Ayres, Ind.	2,526

Governor

Peter Norbeck, R	51,175
James E. Bird, D	17,858
Anderson, Soc.	741
Mark P. Bates, Ind.	25,118
Lewis, Ind.	1,268

PRIMARY ELECTION, 1920**Republican****U. S. Senate**

Dick Haney (Rep. I)	30,870
Peter Norbeck	43,893

Democratic**U. S. Senate**

Tom Taubman (Dem. I)	1,805
U. S. G. Cherry	2,821
Louis N. Crill	2,675

Congress, 1st Dist.

C. H. Dillon (Rep. I)	11,412
C. A. Christopherson	16,809

Governor

R. O. Richards (Rep. I)	30,203
W. H. McMaster	47,508

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1920**U. S. Senate**

Peter Norbeck, R	92,267
U. S. G. Cherry, D	36,833
Tom Ayres, Non-Partisan	44,309
L. J. Manbeck, Ind.	738
R. O. Richards, Ind.	10,032

Congress, 1st Dist.

C. A. Christopherson, R	39,231
Ralph E. Johnson, D	14,815
Engbret J. Holter, Non-Partisan	15,810

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Royal C. Johnson, R	44,759
Lewis W. Bicknell, D	8,770
Frank Whalen, Non-Partisan	18,357

Congress, 3rd Dist.

William Williamson, R	19,335
Harry L. Gandy, D	16,214
O. E. Farnam, Non-Partisan	4,765

Governor

W. H. McMaster, R	103,592
W. W. Howes, D	31,870
M. P. Bates, Non-Partisan	48,426

PRIMARY ELECTION, 1922**Republican****Governor**

W. H. McMaster 60,927
 George W. Egan (Rep. I) 40,831

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1922**Congress, 1st Dist.**

C. A. Christopherson, R 32,250
 G. L. Hasvold, Non-Partisan 16,230
 John Stedronsky, D 16,372

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Royal C. Johnson, R 37,208
 Andrew Francis Lockhart, Non-Partisan 18,968
 Emmett C. Ryan, Ind. 1,491

Congress, 3rd Dist.

William Williamson, R 18,819
 George H. Smith, Non-Partisan 4,581
 George Philip, D 14,857

Governor

W. H. McMaster, R 78,984
 Alice Lorraine Daly, Non-Partisan 46,033
 Louis N. Crill, D 50,409

PRIMARY ELECTION, 1924**Republican****U. S. Senate**

William H. McMaster 45,213
 Thomas Sterling 32,292

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Howard G. Fuller 7,207
 Royal C. Johnson 23,206

Congress, 3rd Dist.

Thos. G. Wall (Rep. I) 2,667
 William Williamson 12,025

Democratic**U. S. Senate**

Mark P. Bates 3,276
 U. S. G. Cherry 7,103

Congress, 1st Dist.

Warren E. Beck 2,573
 J. E. House 1,225

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Fred H. Hildebrandt 996
 J. P. Reinhard 1,908

Congress, 3rd Dist.

George H. Randall 809
 John R. Russell 2,518

Governor

Eric J. Ellefson 2,749
 Andrew S. Anderson 7,437

Farm Labor**U. S. Senate**

Tom Ayres 2,827
 Mark P. Bates 1,542

Congress, 1st Dist.

J. E. House 620
 Wm. J. Jones 782

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Fred H. Hildebrandt 548
 Walter P. Wohlheter 1,457

Congress, 3rd Dist.

George H. Randall 188
 Arthur W. Watwood 515

Governor

Eric J. Ellefson 1,219
 A. L. Putnam 2,973

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1924

U. S. Senate

W. H. McMaster, R	90,006
U. S. G. Cherry, D	63,728
Tom Ayres, FL	20,952
Mark P. Bates, Ind.	8,442
C. H. Dillon, Ind.	3,835
George W. Egan, Ind.	14,484
Don Livingston, Ind.	1,138
H. L. Loucks, Ind.	1,378

Congress, 1st Dist.

C. A. Christopherson, R	39,138
Warren E. Beck, D	19,904
William T. Jones, FL	6,901
William Bartling, Ind.	7,206

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Royal C. Johnson, R	44,769
Jack P. Reinhard, D	8,043
Walter P. Wohlheter, FL	11,468
Fred H. Hildebrandt, Ind.	10,067

Congress, 3rd Dist.

William Williamson, R	28,150
John R. Russell, D	10,026
Arthur W. Watwood, FL	6,950
Charles Ash Bates, Ind.	1,538
George H. Randall, Ind.	1,584

Governor

Carl Gunderson, R	109,894
W. J. Bulow, D	46,663
A. L. Putnam, FL	27,027
R. O. Richards, Ind.	20,359

PRIMARY ELECTION, 1926

Republican

Democratic

U. S. Senate

Peter Norbeck	52,937
George J. Danforth	24,271

Governor

Carl Gunderson	48,782
C. E. Coyne	30,116

Governor

W. J. Bulow	5,775
R. O. Richards	2,579

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1926

U. S. Senate

Peter Norbeck, R	105,756
C. J. Gunderson, D	59,128
Howard Platt, FL	12,797

Congress, 1st Dist.

C. A. Christopherson, R	37,185
J. E. House, D	26,103
Alli Reed, FL	2,737

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Royal C. Johnson, R	38,938
Fred H. Hildebrandt, D	21,585

Congress, 3rd Dist.

William Williamson, R.	22,932
Arthur W. Watwood, D.	20,902

Governor

Carl Gunderson, R.	74,101
William J. Bulow, D.	87,136
Tom Ayres, FL.	11,958
John E. Hipple, Ind.	10,637

PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 22, 1928**Republican****Congress, 1st Dist.**

C. A. Christopherson.	11,228
Charles S. Weller.	4,964
Henry Borman.	2,511

Congress, 3rd Dist.

Francis H. Case.	6,148
William Willicmson.	9,773

Farm Labor**Congress, 1st Dist.**

Alli Reed.	62
Frank Hult.	69

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 6, 1928**Congress, 1st Dist.**

A. O. Steensland, D.	38,055
C. A. Christopherson, R.	54,573
Frank Hult, FL.	775

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Royal C. Johnson, R.	54,846
Fred Hildebrandt, D.	39,970
Helge Tangen, FL.	1,005

Congress, 3rd Dist.

William Williamson, R.	33,245
Arthur W. Watwood, D.	25,412

Governor

William J. Bulow, D.	136,016
Buell F. Jones, R.	121,643
John G. Sumption, FL.	1,509

PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 6, 1930**Republican****U. S. Senator**

William H. McMaster.	64,331
George J. Danforth.	50,717

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Royal C. Johnson.	35,501
Tom Ayres.	13,737

Governor

Carl O. Trygstad.	21,224
Brooke Howell.	22,549
* Warren E. Green.	8,701
Carl Gunderson.	31,543
Gladys Pyle.	33,153

Democratic**U. S. Senator**

W. J. Bulow.	16,520
James McNamara.	5,840

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Fred H. Hildebrandt.	4,752
Vern G. Wohlheter.	2,073

Governor

L. E. Corey.	9,186
D. A. McCullough.	11,760

*No candidate having received 35% of the votes cast in the Republican race for governor, the primary law required the selection of the candidate to be made at the state convention. Warren E. Green was selected for the nomination.

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 1930**U. S. Senate**

W. J. Bulow, D	106,317
Wm. H. McMaster, R	99,595

Congress, 1st Dist.

C. A. Christopherson, R	41,151
Henry Borman, Ind.	7,451

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Fred H. Hildebrandt, D	34,245
Royal C. Johnson, R	38,195
Eino Niva, Ind.	475

Congress, 3rd Dist.

Theo. B. Werner, D	21,473
Wm. Williamson, R	27,083

Governor

D. A. McCullough, D	93,954
Warren E. Green, R	107,643
Helge Tangen, Ind.	1,620

PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 3, 1932**Republican****U. S. Senate**

Peter Norbeck	95,498
H. F. Brownell	27,777
Chas. Hartsough	5,233

Congress, 1st Dist.

C. A. Christopherson	57,918
Harold W. King	31,829

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Wm. Williamson	21,331
E. N. Hammerquist	8,879

Governor

Warren Green	74,194
Carl Gunderson	41,972
Tom Ayres	11,487

Democratic**U. S. Senate**

L. W. Bicknell	15,718
U. S. G. Cherry	17,567
Mark Sheafe, Jr.	7,949

Congress, 1st Dist.

Henry K. Warren	9,383
Arthur W. Watwood	8,463
Fred H. Hildebrandt	10,618

Congress, 2nd Dist.

John T. Milek	3,055
T. B. Werner	6,845
Orville Reinhard	1,697

Governor

L. M. Corey	18,591
Tom Berry	23,689

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 8, 1932**U. S. Senate**

Peter Norbeck, R	151,845
U. S. G. Cherry, D	125,731
Howard Platte, Lib.	3,873
Oscar Luttio, Ind.	405
L. J. Manbeck, Ind.	238

Congress, 1st Dist.

C. A. Christopherson, R	92,062
Fred H. Hildebrandt, D	110,047
Paul L. Werth, Lib.	3,332
Lydia B. Johnson, Ind.	1,467
Roy Miller, Ind.	297

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Wm. Williamson, R	29,066
T. B. Werner, D	36,839
Arne Jackela, Ind.	251

Governor

Warren E. Green, R	120,473
Tom Berry, D	158,058
H. O. Stevens, Lib.....	4,965
Helge Tangen, Ind.	619

PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 1, 1934**Republican****Democratic****Congress, 1st Dist.**

Joe D. Morrison	10,270
Robert Hunter	11,835
Boyd Wales, R.....	10,056
C. A. Christopherson	39,884

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Earl N. Hammerquist	4,681
* Francis Case	6,380
Wm. Williamson	7,780
Dan McCutcheon	6,864

Congress, 2nd Dist.

John T. Milek	5,399
Theo. B. Werner	11,891

*No candidate having received 35% of the votes cast in the Republican race for Second District Congressman, the primary law required the selection of the candidate to be made at the state convention. Francis H. Case was selected for the nomination.

Governor

Otto Kaas	19,113
Daniel K. Loucks	17,846
W. C. Allen	46,654
Charles Alseth	13,702

Governor

Tom Berry	61,484
Hans Ustrud	16,037

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 6, 1934**Congress, 1st Dist.**

Fred H. Hildebrandt, D	122,932
C. A. Christopherson, R	84,830
C. H. Sharp, Ind.	2,259

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Theo. B. Werner, D	35,467
Francis H. Case, R	32,105

Governor

Tom Berry, D	172,228
William C. Allen, R	119,477
Knute Walstad, Ind.....	2,190

PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 5, 1936**Republican****Democratic****U. S. Senate**

Chandler Gurney	61,528
C. A. Christopherson	33,720

Congress, 1st Dist.

Fred H. Hildebrandt	34,624
C. L. Chase	13,422

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Loyson G. Troth	1,507
Paul E. Martin	2,264
William Williamson	6,048
Harry P. Atwater	4,272
Henry Jacobson	1,410
Francis Case	10,104

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Theo B. Werner	11,802
John T. Milek	4,742

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 1936**U. S. Senate**

W. J. Bulow, D	141,509
Chandler Gurney, R	135,461
Arthur Bennett, Ind.	12,816

Congress, 1st Dist.

F. H. Hildebrandt, D	110,829
Karl Mundt, R	108,259

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Theo. B. Werner, D	32,549
Francis H. Case, R	34,812

Governor

Tom Berry, D	142,255
Leslie Jensen, R	151,659

PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 3, 1938**Republican****U. S. Senate**

George J. Danforth	8,883
Leslie Jensen	40,917
Paul E. Bellamy	6,434
Chandler Gurney	49,371

Governor

Harlan J. Bushfield	64,929
Blaine Simmons	33,871

Democratic**U. S. Senate**

Tom Berry	46,292
Herbert Hitchcock	9,750
Fred Hildebrandt	17,391

Congress, 1st Dist.

Arthur Bennett	11,969
Eva Sherburne	4,844
Emil Loriks	19,701
Mark W. Sheafe	5,124
W. L. Chaussee	4,327
Nathaniel Nickish	5,284

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Arthur W. Watwood	6,879
Theo. B. Werner	8,038
John P. Everett	2,323

Governor

Oscar Fosheim	42,422
Mancel W. Peterson	25,956

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 8, 1938**U. S. Senate**

Chan Gurney, R	146,813
Tom Berry, D	133,064

U. S. Senate (term expiring January 3, 1939)

Gladys Pyle, R	155,292
John T. McCullen, D	112,177

Congress, 1st Dist.

Karl Mundt, R	111,796
Emil Loriks, D	95,353

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Francis Case, R	41,335
Theo. B. Werner, D	25,932

Governor

Harlan J. Bushfield, R	149,362
Oscar Fosheim, D	127,485

PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 7, 1940

Republican		Democratic	
Governor		Governor	
Harlan J. Bushfield	84,992	Almer O. Steensland	20,500
A. N. Graff	23,377	Lewis W. Bicknell	31,790

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 1940

Congress, 1st Dist.			
Karl Mundt, R			135,406
Oscar Fosheim, D			91,967
Congress, 2nd Dist.			
Francis Case, R			47,051
Arthur W. Watwood, D			24,127
Governor			
Harlan J. Bushfield, R			167,686
Lewis W. Bicknell, D			136,428

PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 5, 1942

Republican		Democratic	
U. S. Senate		U. S. Senate	
Olive A. Ringsrud	30,325	Tom Berry	25,454
Harlan J. Bushfield	52,342	Edward Prchal	2,994
		W. J. Bulow	10,956
Congress, 1st Dist.		Congress, 1st Dist.	
Karl Mundt	52,574	Fred H. Hildebrandt	17,518
Herbert S. Barnard	11,628	Lynn Fellows	4,227
		John J. Verschoor	8,641
Governor			
Joe H. Bottum	23,714		
M. Q. Sharpe	21,108		
Millard G. Scott	17,272		
Leo A. Temmey	20,107		

*No candidate having received 35% of the votes cast in the Republican race for governor, the primary law required the selection of the candidate to be made at the state convention. M. Q. Sharpe was selected for the nomination.

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 1942

U. S. Senate			
Harlan J. Bushfield, R			106,704
Tom Berry, D			74,945
Congress, 1st Dist.			
Karl Mundt, R			81,373
Fred Hildebrandt, D			54,457
Congress, 2nd Dist.			
Francis Case, R			30,389
George M. Bailey, D			11,892
Governor			
M. Q. Sharpe, R			109,786
Lewis W. Bicknell, D			68,706

PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 2, 1944**Republican****U. S. Senate**

Chan Gurney 35,960
 A. C. Miller 28,052

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 1944**U. S. Senate**

Chan Gurney, R 145,248
 George M. Bradshaw, D 82,199

Congress, 1st Dist.

Karl Mundt, R 113,769
 Grover Lothrop, D 63,981

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Francis Case, R 33,119
 H. W. Clarkson, D 14,869

Governor

M. Q. Sharpe, R 148,646
 Lynn Fellows, D 78,276

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 4, 1946**Republican****Governor**

George T. Mickelson 32,325
 M. Q. Sharpe 23,325
 M. G. Scott 16,442

Democratic**Governor**

Richard Haeder 8,093
 Edward Prchal 6,563
 Jennie M. O'Hern 5,035

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 1946**Congress, 1st Dist.**

Karl Mundt, R 76,721
 Merton B. Tice, D 48,065

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Francis Case, R 28,011
 John B. Reinhard, D 10,008

Governor

George T. Mickelson, R 108,998
 Richard Haeder, D 53,294

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 1, 1948**Republican****U. S. Senate**

Karl E. Mundt 65,595
 Otto B. Lindstad 12,022

Congress, 1st Dist.

Art B. Anderson 12,809
 * Harold O. Lovre 17,947
 Wm. H. Pringle 13,870
 E. L. Stavig 10,760

*No candidate having received 35% of the votes cast in the Republican race for 1st District Congressman, the primary law required the selection of the candidate to be made at the state convention. Harold O. Lovre was selected for the nomination.

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 2, 1948

U. S. Senate	
Karl E. Mundt, R	144,084
John A. Engel, D	98,749
Congress, 1st Dist.	
Harold O. Lovre, R	99,062
Merton B. Tice, D	85,957
Congress, 2nd Dist.	
Francis Case, R	36,713
Jessie E. Sanders, D	18,988
Governor	
George T. Mickelson, R	149,883
Harold J. Volz, D	95,489

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 6, 1950

Republican		Democratic	
U. S. Senate		U. S. Senate	
Francis Case	59,314	John S. Tschetter	13,104
Chan Gurney	42,823	John A. Engel	18,944
Congress, 2nd Dist.			
J. H. Bottum	12,218		
E. Y. Berry	13,540		
Governor			
Sigurd Anderson	35,609		
Joe J. Foss	33,257		
Boyd Leedom	20,059		
Chas. J. Dalthorp	8,345		
Irwin R. Erickson	3,481		

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 1950

U. S. Senate	
Francis Case, R	160,670
John A. Engel, D	90,692
Congress, 1st Dist.	
Harold O. Lovre, R	116,173
Merton B. Tice, D	74,983
Congress, 2nd Dist.	
E. Y. Berry, R	34,533
Sam H. Bober, D	22,737
Governor	
Sigurd Anderson, R	154,254
Joe Robbie, D	99,062

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 3, 1952

Republican	
Congress, 1st Dist.	
Elmer Kockert	13,085
Harold O. Lovre	73,194

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 1952

Congress, 1st Dist.	
Harold O. Lovre, R	151,449
Goldie Wells, D	69,777

Congress, 2nd Dist.

E. Y. Berry, R 45,688
 George A. Bangs, D 20,561

Governor

Sigurd Anderson, R 203,102
 Sherman A. Iverson, D 86,413

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 1, 1954**Republican****Governor**

Harold O. Lund 21,585
 Rex Terry 26,163
 Joe J. Foss 55,272

Democratic**Governor**

Ed C. Martin 16,383
 E. F. McKellips 14,276

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 2, 1954**U. S. Senate**

Karl E. Mundt, R 135,071
 Kenneth Holum, D 100,674

Congress, 1st Dist.

Harold O. Lovre, R 102,797
 Francis G. Dunn, D 74,450

Congress, 2nd Dist.

E. Y. Berry, R 34,476
 Ray Satterlee, D 20,444

Governor

Joe J. Foss, R 133,878
 E. C. Martin, D 102,377

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 5, 1956**Republican****Congress, 2nd Dist.**

John T. Vucurevich 5,977
 E. Y. Berry 18,725

Democratic**U. S. Senate**

Kenneth Holum 23,464
 Merton B. Tice 15,099

Congress, 2nd Dist.

A. S. Boe 2,924
 Tom Eastman, Jr. 6,050

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 6, 1956**U. S. Senate**

Francis Case, R 147,621
 Kenneth Holum, D 143,001

Congress, 1st Dist.

Harold O. Lovre, R 105,835
 George S. McGovern, D 116,516

Congress, 2nd Dist.

E. Y. Berry, R 36,681
 Tom Eastman, Jr. 28,984

Governor

Joe Foss, R 158,819
 Ralph Herseth, D 133,198

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 3, 1958

Republican	Democratic
	Congress, 2nd Dist.
	Robert Burnett 1,803
	Theo. B. Werner 1,819
	Arlie N. Mahaffa 919
	George O. Crouch 1,048
	J. T. McCullen 1,954
	Herb Thomas 1,995
Governor	
Charles Lacey 9,384	
Phil Saunders 49,746	
L. R. Houck 21,621	

*No candidate having received 35% of the votes cast in the Democratic race for 2nd District Congressman, the primary law required the selection of the candidate to be made at the state convention. J. T. McCullen was selected for the nomination.

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 1958

Congress, 1st Dist.	
Joe Foss, R 93,388	
George McGovern, D 107,202	
Congress, 2nd Dist.	
E. Y. Berry, R 31,908	
J. T. McCullen, D 25,491	
Governor	
Phil Saunders, R 125,520	
Ralph Herseth, D 132,761	

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 7, 1960

Republican	Democratic
Congress, 1st Dist.	Congress, 1st Dist.
Ben Reifel 29,287	Robert Chamberlin 12,175
Raymond E. Dana 9,084	Ray Fitzgerald 16,409
Dan Stuelpnagel 15,788	

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 8, 1960

U. S. Senate	
George McGovern, D 145,261	
Karl E. Mundt, R 160,181	
Congress, 1st Dist.	
Ray Fitzgerald, D 103,755	
Ben Reifel, R 126,033	
Congress, 2nd Dist.	
W. H. "Bill" Raff, D 28,666	
E. Y. Berry, R 42,550	
Governor	
Ralph Herseth, D 150,095	
Archie M. Gubbrud, R 154,530	

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 5, 1962

Republican	Democratic
U. S. Senate	
Francis Case 57,583	
A. C. Miller 11,414	

Congress, 1st Dist.

Ralph A. Nauman.....	11,138
George May.....	10,127

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 6, 1962**U. S. Senate**

Joe Bottum, R.....	126,861
George McGovern, D.....	127,458

Congress, 1st Dist.

Ben Reifel, R.....	113,975
Ralph A. Nauman, D.....	78,421

Congress, 2nd Dist.

E. Y. Berry, R.....	37,092
M. W. Morris Clarkson, D.....	23,243

Governor

Archie Gubbrud, R.....	143,682
Ralph Herseth, D.....	112,438

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 2, 1964**Republican****Governor**

Sigurd Anderson.....	43,809
Nils A. Boe.....	50,335

Democratic**Governor**

John F. Lindley.....	27,071
Merton B. Tice.....	14,051

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 1964**Congress, 1st Dist.**

Ben Reifel, R.....	124,791
George May, D.....	92,057

Congress, 2nd Dist.

E. Y. Berry, R.....	39,657
Byron T. Brown, D.....	31,208

Governor

Nils A. Boe, R.....	150,151
John F. Lindley, D.....	140,419

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 7, 1966**Republican****U. S. Senate**

Karl E. Mundt.....	66,758
Richard B. Murphy.....	14,593

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 8, 1966**U. S. Senate**

Karl E. Mundt, R.....	150,517
Donn H. Wright, D.....	76,563

Congress, 1st Dist.

Ben Reifel, R.....	80,592
Dr. Francis C. Richter, D.....	40,236

Congress, 2nd Dist.

E. Y. Berry, R.....	63,063
Jack Allman, D.....	41,155

Governor

Nils A. Boe, R.....	131,710
Robert Chamberlin, D.....	96,504

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 4, 1968

Republican	Democratic
	Congress, 1st Dist.
	Boyd Bennett..... 10,099
	Frank E. Denholm..... 15,077
Congress, 2nd Dist.	
Robert Schumacher..... 16,191	
E. Y. Berry..... 27,715	

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 1968

U. S. Senate	
Archie Gubbrud, R..... 120,951	
George McGovern, D..... 158,961	
Congress, 1st Dist.	
Ben Reifel, R..... 85,232	
Frank Denholm, D..... 61,738	
Congress, 2nd Dist.	
E. Y. Berry, R..... 73,987	
David Garner, D..... 50,683	
Governor	
Frank L. Farrar, R..... 159,646	
Robert Chamberlin, D..... 117,260	

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 2, 1970

Republican	Democratic
Congress, 1st Dist.	
E. B. "John" Morrison..... 2,200	
Clyde K. Brashier..... 1,985	
Frank Gibbs..... 8,666	
Jerry Simmons..... 11,693	
Dexter H. Gunderson..... 18,290	
Congress, 2nd Dist.	Congress, 2nd Dist.
Fred D. Brady..... 21,264	Donald V. Barnett..... 7,055
James Abdnor..... 19,538	Elvern Varilek..... 5,994
	James Abourezk..... 7,712
Governor	
Frank E. "Rudy" Henderson... 34,893	
Frank L. Farrar..... 48,520	

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 1970

Congress, 1st Dist.	
Dexter H. Gunderson, R..... 56,330	
Frank E. Denholm, D..... 71,636	
Congress, 2nd Dist.	
Fred D. Brady, R..... 51,092	
James Abourezk, D..... 55,925	
Governor	
Frank L. Farrar, R..... 108,347	
Richard F. Kneip, D..... 131,616	

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 6, 1972

Republican		Democratic	
U. S. Senate		U. S. Senate	
Robert W. Hirsch	27,322	George Blue	12,163
Tom Reardon	11,592	James Abourezk	46,931
Chuck Lien	21,995		
Kenneth D. Stofferahn	16,615		
Gordon Mydland	22,297		
Congress, 2nd Dist.			
James Abdnor	31,780		
Mike DeMersseman	17,312		
Governor			
Carv Thompson	65,538		
Simon W. Chance	24,975		

*No candidate having received 35% of the votes cast in the Republican race for U. S. Senate, the primary law required the selection of the candidate to be made at the state convention. Robert W. Hirsch was selected for the nomination.

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 1972

U. S. Senate	
Robert W. Hirsch, R	131,613
James Abourezk, D	174,773
Congress, 1st Dist.	
John Vickerman, R	61,589
Frank E. Denholm, D	94,442
Congress, 2nd Dist.	
James Abdnor, R	79,546
Pat McKeever, D	65,415
Governor	
Carv Thompson, R	123,165
Richard F. Kneip	185,012

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 4, 1974

Republican		Democratic	
U. S. Senate			
Leo K. Thorsness	49,716		
Barbara Bates Gunderson	9,852		
Al Schock	35,406		
Congress, 1st Dist.			
Ione Larsen	13,940		
Cornelius Van Helden	8,650		
Larry Pressler	22,724		
Governor		Governor	
Ronald F. Williamson	25,509	Richard F. Kneip	45,932
John E. Olson	49,973	Bill Dougherty	23,467
Oscar W. Hagen	14,444		

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 1974

U. S. Senate	
George McGovern, D	147,929
Leo K. Thorsness, R	130,955
Congress, 1st Dist.	
Frank E. Denholm, D	63,339
Larry Pressler, R	78,266

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Jack Weiland, D	42,119
James Abdnor, R	88,746

Governor

Richard F. Kneip, D	149,151
John E. Olson, R	129,077

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 1, 1976

There were no contests for any of the major nominations.

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 2, 1976**Congress, 1st Dist.**

James Guffy, D	29,533
Larry Pressler, R	121,587
Donald Stevens, Ind.	1,282

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Grace Mickelson, D	42,968
James Abdnor, R	99,601

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 6, 1978**Republican****U. S. Senate**

Ronald F. Williamson	23,646
Larry Pressler	66,893

Congress, 1st Dist.

Leo K. Thorsness	28,325
David Volk	15,396

Governor

Clint Roberts	14,774
William J. Janklow	46,423
LeRoy G. Hoffman	30,026

Democratic**U. S. Senate**

Don Barnett	37,319
Kenneth D. Stofferahn	30,384

Congress, 1st Dist.

Thomas A. Daschle	21,491
Frank E. Denholm	14,760

Congress, 2nd Dist.

William Walsh	8,075
Bob Samuelson	16,861
Charles J. Bellman	6,954

Governor

John Bohr	2,743
Roger McKellips	34,160
Harvey Wollman	32,690

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 1978**U. S. Senate**

Don Barnett, D	84,767
Larry Pressler, R	170,832

Congress, 1st Dist.

Thomas A. Daschle, D	64,683
Leo K. Thorsness, R	64,544

Congress, 2nd Dist.

Bob Samuelson, D	55,516
James Abdnor, R	70,780

Governor

Roger McKellips, D	112,679
William J. Janklow, R	147,116

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 3, 1980

Republican		Democratic	
U. S. Senate		U. S. Senate	
James Abdnor	68,196	Larry Schumaker	26,958
Dale Bell	25,314	George McGovern	44,822
Congress, 1st Dist.			
Bert Tollefson, Jr.	10,563		
Bart Kull	28,424		
Congress, 2nd Dist.		Congress, 2nd Dist.	
Clint Roberts	32,984	Thomas M. Katus	11,544
Don Ham	17,970	Kenneth D. Stofferahn	23,901

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 1980

U. S. Senate	
James Abdnor, R	190,594
George McGovern, D	129,018
Wayne Peterson, I	7,866
Congress, 1st Dist.	
Bart Kull, R	57,155
Thomas A. Daschle, D	109,910
Congress, 2nd Dist.	
Clint Roberts, R	88,991
Kenneth D. Stofferahn, D	63,447

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 1, 1982

Republican		Democratic	
		Governor	
		Elvern Varilek	16,916
		Mike O'Connor	24,101

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 2, 1982

U. S. Representative	
Clint Roberts, R	133,530
Thomas A. Daschle, D	142,122
Governor	
William J. Janklow, R	197,426
Mike O'Connor, D	81,136

PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 5, 1984

Republican		Democratic	
		U. S. Senate	
		Dean L. Sinclair	14,672
		George V. Cunningham	31,376
U. S. Representative			
Dale Bell	43,014		
Larry Mangels	11,798		

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 6, 1984

U. S. Senate	
Larry Pressler, R	235,176
George V. Cunningham, D	80,537
U. S. Representative	
Dale Bell, R	134,821
Tom Daschle, D	181,401

Primary Election, June 3, 1986**Republican****Democratic****U.S. Senate**

James Abdnor.....	63,414
William J. Janklow.....	52,924

U.S. Representative

Dale Bell.....	51,934
Ron J. Volesky.....	7,133
Don Frankenfeld.....	21,543
Scott Heidepriem.....	32,670

Governor

George S. Mickelson.....	40,979
Clint Roberts.....	37,250
Alice Kundert.....	15,985
Lowell Hansen.....	21,844

U.S. Representative

Jim Burg.....	31,503
Tim Johnson.....	33,364
Dean L. Sinclair.....	4,830

Governor

R. Lars Herseth.....	30,801
Richard F. Kneip.....	27,811
Kenneth D. Stofferahn.....	13,332

General Election, November 4, 1986**U.S. Senate**

Tom Daschle, D.....	152,657
James Abdnor, R.....	143,173

Governor/Lt. Governor

R. Lars Herseth / Ted Thoms, D.....	141,898
George S. Mickelson / Walter D. Miller, R.....	152,543

U.S. Representative

Tim Johnson, D.....	171,462
Dale Bell, R.....	118,261

General Election, November 8, 1988**U.S. Representative**

David Volk, R.....	88,157
Tim Johnson, D.....	223,759

General Election, November 6, 1990**U.S. Senate**

Ted Muenster, D.....	116,727
Larry Pressler, R.....	135,682
Dean L. Sinclair, I.....	6,567

Governor/Lt. Governor

Bob L. Samuelson / Shirley Halleen, D.....	105,525
George S. Mickelson / Walter D. Miller, R.....	151,198

U.S. Representative

Tim Johnson, D.....	173,814
Don Frankenfeld, R.....	83,484

General Election, November 3, 1992**U.S. Senate**

Tom Daschle, D.....	217,095
Charlene Haar, R.....	108,733
Gus Hercules, L.....	4353
Kent Hyde, I.....	4314

U.S. Representative

Tim Johnson, D.....	230,070
John Timmer, R.....	89,375
Robert J. Newland, L.....	3931
Ronald Wieczorek, I.....	6746
Ann Balakier, I.....	2780

Primary Election, June 7, 1994

Republican	Democratic
Governor	Governor
William J. Janklow.....57,221	Jim Beddow.....29,082
Walter D. Miller.....48,754	Carrol V. “Red” Allen.....12,184
	Jim Burg.....11,181

General Election, November 8, 1994

U.S. Representative	
Tim Johnson, D.....183,036	
Jan Berkhout, R.....112,054	
Ronald Wieczorek, I.....10,832	
Governor/Lt. Governor	
Nathan A. Barton / Brian Liss, L.....	12,825
Jim Beddow / Jim Abbott, D.....	126,273
William J. Janklow / Carole Hillard, R.....	172,515

Primary Election, June 4, 1996

Republican	Democratic
U.S. Representative	U.S. Representative
Carole Hillard.....28,139	Jim Abbott.....11,544
John R. Thune.....41,322	Rick Weiland.....17,403
	Linda Stensland.....5267
	Dennis Jones.....7186

General Election, November 5, 1996

U.S. Senate	U.S. Representative
Tim Johnson, D.....166,533	Rick Weiland, D.....119,547
Larry Pressler, R.....157,954	John R. Thune, R.....186,393
	Stacey L. Nelson, I.....10,397
	Kurt Evans, I.....6866

Primary Election, June 2, 1998

Republican	Democratic
U.S. Senate	U.S. Representative
John M. Sanders.....5292	Jeff Moser.....21,509
Alan Aker.....19,200	Ronald Wieczorek.....6496
Ron Schmidt.....26,540	

General Election, November 3, 1998**U.S. Senate**

Byron Dale, L.....	3796
Tom Daschle, D.....	162,884
Ron Schmidt, R.....	95,431

U.S. Representative

Jeff Moser, D.....	64,433
John Thune, R.....	194,157

Governor/Lt. Governor

Bob Newland / James A. Christen, L.....	4389
Bernie Hunhoff / Elsie Meeks, D.....	85,473
William J. Janklow / Carole Hillard, R.....	166,621
Ronald Wieczorek / Jeannie Hanson, I.....	3704

Primary Election, June 6, 2000**Democratic****U.S. Representative**

Curt Hohn.....	12,827
Raymond Earl Osloond Sr.....	1715
Steve Sandven.....	8333

General Election, November 7, 2000**U.S. Representative**

John Thune, R.....	231,083
Curt Hohn, D.....	78,321
Brian Lerohl, L.....	5357

Primary Election, June 4, 2002**Republican****U.S. Representative**

Bert Tollefson, Jr.....	1311
Larry Pressler.....	29,992
Tim Amdahl.....	10,593
Roger Hunt.....	7799
William Janklow.....	60,575

Governor

Mark Barnett.....	32,868
Mike Rounds.....	49,331
Steve Kirby.....	29,065

Democratic**U.S. Senate**

Herman Eilers.....	3558
Tim Johnson.....	65,438

U.S. Representative

Stephanie Herseth.....	39,576
Rick Weiland.....	22,083
Denny Pierson.....	1671
Dick Casey.....	4732

Governor

Jim Abbott.....	46,794
Robert Hockett.....	915
Ron Volesky.....	11,481
Jim Hutmacher.....	8847

General Election, November 5, 2002

U.S. Senate		U.S. Representative	
John Thune, R.....	166,957	William J. Janklow, R.....	180,023
Kurt Evans, L.....	3070	Terry Begay, L.....	3128
Tim Johnson, D.....	167,481	Stephanie Herseth, D.....	153,656
Governor/Lt. Governor			
Mike Rounds / Dennis M. Daugaard, R.....		189,920	
Nathan A. Barton / Eric Risty, L.....		1983	
Jim Abbott / Mike Wilson, D.....		140,263	
James P. Carlson / Ron Bosch, I.....		2393	

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SPECIAL ELECTION June 1, 2004

	Stephanie Herseth - D	Larry Diedrich - R
AURORA	717	642
BEADLE	3243	2829
BENNETT	637	417
BON HOMME	1383	1073
BROOKINGS	4945	4323
BROWN	8079	5822
BRULE	992	855
BUFFALO	437	105
BUTTE	1036	1612
CAMPBELL	216	448
CHARLES MIX	1707	1712
CLARK	902	906
CLAY	2499	1324
CODINGTON	4312	4251
CORSON	569	445
CUSTER	1205	1675
DAVISON	2903	3017
DAY	1750	1008
DEUEL	1035	757
DEWEY	1267	433
DOUGLAS	442	1134
EDMUNDS	856	984
FALL RIVER	1166	1384
FAULK	497	615
GRANT	1556	1444
GREGORY	899	1019
HAAKON	307	608
HAMLIN	1071	1290
HAND	833	917
HANSON	509	708
HARDING	160	441
HUGHES	3017	3665
HUTCHINSON	1320	2085
HYDE	307	380
JACKSON	453	444
JERAULD	545	442
JONES	229	380
KINGSBURY	1272	1089
LAKE	2213	1868
LAWRENCE	3103	4020
LINCOLN	4948	5640
LYMAN	806	644
MARSHALL	1068	709
MCCOOK	1277	1319
MCPHERSON	455	854
MEADE	2816	4072
MELLETTE	415	307
MINER	622	513
MINNEHAHA	27458	23828
MOODY	1388	1062
PENNINGTON	11530	16330
PERKINS	375	727
POTTER	531	816
ROBERTS	1912	1306
SANBORN	596	438
SHANNON	2001	138
SPINK	1543	1357
STANLEY	593	615
SULLY	255	437
TODD	1651	314
TRIPP	1100	1400
TURNER	1604	1759
UNION	1761	1782
WALWORTH	965	1305
YANKTON	3697	2968
ZIEBACH	464	204
TOTALS	261835	132420
PERCENTAGE		50.57%
		129415
		49.43%

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATES PRIMARY June 1, 2004

	Lyndon LaRouche	Uncommitted	John Kerry	Howard Dean	Dennis Kucinich
AURORA	51	46	418	56	11
BEADLE	64	172	1874	137	38
BENNETT	40	34	328	32	16
BON HOMME	50	43	638	49	12
BROOKINGS	72	153	2315	189	105
BROWN	178	233	4701	267	97
BRULE	36	76	588	61	9
BUFFALO	44	26	273	19	10
BUTTE	18	46	367	38	18
CAMPBELL	5	8	76	6	2
CHARLES MIX	88	86	1217	92	28
CLARK	11	38	504	46	11
CLAY	27	67	1409	96	63
CODINGTON	70	231	2455	214	60
CORSON	33	18	377	35	19
CUSTER	16	52	476	34	31
DAVISON	59	114	1665	112	43
DAY	30	91	1125	85	25
DEUEL	21	44	519	38	7
DEWEY	42	45	811	50	24
DOUGLAS	18	28	182	21	13
EDMUNDS	31	37	460	35	11
FALL RIVER	29	35	464	41	25
FAULK	9	42	276	25	27
GRANT	44	49	839	68	19
GREGORY	43	56	496	38	18
HAAKON	5	21	111	23	15
HAMLIN	17	51	542	49	8
HAND	20	70	436	58	21
HANSON	17	27	321	27	4
HARDING	1	6	60	14	2
HUGHES	27	76	1084	75	38
HUTCHINSON	28	32	511	27	22
HYDE	7	22	153	24	4
JACKSON	22	13	201	11	7
JERAULD	13	9	313	36	3
JONES	5	5	90	14	4
KINGSBURY	23	42	546	48	19
LAKE	35	92	1225	76	37
LAWRENCE	32	124	1353	98	67
LINCOLN	70	173	2407	159	38
LYMAN	36	25	394	38	7
MARSHALL	14	30	766	51	22
MCCOOK	36	64	763	59	26
MCPHERSON	11	10	145	17	4
MEADE	56	114	1266	83	46
MELLETTE	20	17	171	12	13
MINER	17	37	376	35	8
MINNEHAHA	417	952	14899	788	332
MOODY	47	53	766	46	25
PENNINGTON	245	440	5311	305	226
PERKINS	5	29	195	24	4
POTTER	14	25	264	21	6
ROBERTS	65	84	1173	102	30
SANBORN	17	35	321	35	11
SHANNON	142	60	1170	53	38
SPINK	39	53	897	65	22
STANLEY	12	28	258	15	11
SULLY	7	16	144	16	4
TODD	113	57	968	57	30
TRIPP	35	33	572	53	19
TURNER	30	55	737	55	25
UNION	24	75	1061	72	22
WALWORTH	20	34	412	47	15
YANKTON	58	131	1965	133	51
ZIEBACH	12	15	273	33	18
TOTALS	84405	2943	5105	4838	2046
PERCENTAGE		3.49%	6.05%	5.73%	2.42%

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES – GENERAL ELECTION November 2, 2004

	Peroutka & Baldwin - Con	Kerry & Edwards - Dem	Badnarik & Campagna - Lib	Bush & Cheney - Rep	Nader & Camejo - Ind
AURORA	4	620	1	1009	15
BEADLE	19	3443	24	4917	77
BENNETT	11	759	11	833	16
BON HOMME	5	1293	11	2063	36
BROOKINGS	31	5443	49	7662	190
BROWN	34	7943	39	10386	197
BRULE	9	1040	6	1544	30
BUFFALO	2	603	3	223	10
BUTTE	35	1009	16	3166	45
CAMPBELL	7	239	1	708	4
CHARLES MIX	5	2155	9	2556	73
CLARK	1	875	5	1435	11
CLAY	9	3315	25	2692	95
CODINGTON	19	4803	16	7778	135
CORSON	12	972	6	720	14
CUSTER	36	1272	16	2922	58
DAVISON	18	3263	16	5561	94
DAY	5	1817	15	1671	32
DEUEL	8	961	12	1406	25
DEWEY	8	1606	3	921	26
DOUGLAS	5	393	4	1596	14
EDMUNDS	12	765	4	1434	19
FALL RIVER	23	1326	16	2413	67
FAULK	0	418	1	945	5
GRANT	12	1633	10	2392	43
GREGORY	6	813	6	1685	36
HAAKON	6	219	1	1007	7
HAMLIN	7	1015	6	1946	37
HAND	4	668	4	1482	29
HANSON	2	745	1	1379	23
HARDING	3	94	1	704	13
HUGHES	22	2697	23	6017	76
HUTCHINSON	8	1177	14	2899	49
HYDE	2	259	2	631	6
JACKSON	11	508	5	726	21
JERAULD	3	482	2	736	13
JONES	2	134	5	565	11
KINGSBURY	4	1163	9	1804	34
LAKE	12	2509	19	3359	108
LAWRENCE	46	3857	51	7489	176
LINCOLN	32	5703	29	11161	141
LYMAN	12	872	6	1029	21
MARSHALL	3	1099	6	1242	14
MCCOOK	9	1201	6	2017	38
MCPHERSON	7	369	5	1180	18
MEADE	77	2941	22	8347	117
MELLETTE	5	361	2	553	10
MINER	5	641	1	810	13
MINNEHAHA	171	32314	154	44189	804
MOODY	10	1609	6	1790	36
PENNINGTON	102	14213	136	29976	541
PERKINS	34	418	7	1329	25
POTTER	2	463	1	1143	9
ROBERTS	4	2527	6	2396	49
SANBORN	3	581	6	817	19
SHANNON	41	3566	11	526	70
SPINK	5	1478	5	2259	27
STANLEY	4	464	6	1129	20
SULLY	2	201	0	702	12
TODD	32	2543	14	889	46
TRIPP	10	972	4	2230	29
TURNER	13	1646	9	3084	82
UNION	6	3000	12	3987	43
WALWORTH	12	878	3	1967	20
YANKTON	27	4237	35	6003	129
ZIEBACH	7	641	4	447	17

TOTALS	388215	1103	149244	964	232584	4320
PERCENTAGE		0.28%	38.44%	0.25%	59.91%	1.11%

UNITED STATES SENATOR – GENERAL ELECTION November 2, 2004

	Tom Daschle - Dem	John R. Thune - Rep
AURORA	898	752
BEADLE	4734	3784
BENNETT	946	729
BON HOMME	1846	1678
BROOKINGS	7196	6255
BROWN	10750	7981
BRULE	1382	1279
BUFFALO	713	168
BUTTE	1518	2763
CAMPBELL	387	577
CHARLES MIX	2679	2179
CLARK	1245	1109
CLAY	3909	2252
CODINGTON	6136	6714
CORSON	1125	647
CUSTER	1632	2751
DAVISON	4440	4583
DAY	2337	1270
DEUEL	1365	1083
DEWEY	1920	705
DOUGLAS	635	1391
EDMUNDS	1101	1201
FALL RIVER	1724	2207
FAULK	635	744
GRANT	2124	1986
GREGORY	1142	1426
HAAKON	370	873
HAMLIN	1391	1649
HAND	1140	1103
HANSON	938	1207
HARDING	175	642
HUGHES	3849	5035
HUTCHINSON	1653	2605
HYDE	379	532
JACKSON	657	652
JERAULD	740	540
JONES	210	518
KINGSBURY	1688	1374
LAKE	3391	2683
LAWRENCE	4915	6755
LINCOLN	7468	9671
LYMAN	1112	841
MARSHALL	1422	970
MCCOOK	1619	1686
MCPHERSON	596	1005
MEADE	4139	7380
MELLETTE	495	479
MINER	888	589
MINNEHAHA	39674	38105
MOODY	2042	1451
PENNINGTON	18356	26681
PERKINS	697	1128
POTTER	688	944
ROBERTS	2905	2115
SANBORN	839	607
SHANNON	3887	564
SPINK	2124	1689
STANLEY	725	905
SULLY	334	598
TODD	2885	776
TRIPP	1440	1829
TURNER	2241	2620
UNION	3351	3706
WALWORTH	1298	1630
YANKTON	5334	5128
ZIEBACH	766	369
TOTALS	391188	193340
PERCENTAGE	49.42%	197848
		50.58%

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE – GENERAL ELECTION November 2, 2004

	Stephanie Herseth - Dem	Terry L. Begay - Lib	Larry Diedrich - Rep
AURORA	923	14	713
BEADLE	4869	50	3594
BENNETT	993	23	638
BON HOMME	2015	18	1455
BROOKINGS	7498	89	5857
BROWN	11492	106	7085
BRULE	1475	14	1165
BUFFALO	702	18	151
BUTTE	1765	58	2438
CAMPBELL	377	5	573
CHARLES MIX	2712	30	2108
CLARK	1222	10	1116
CLAY	4028	76	2019
CODINGTON	6840	71	5885
CORSON	1067	31	636
CUSTER	1871	57	2439
DAVISON	4735	43	4233
DAY	2408	29	1158
DEUEL	1497	11	937
DEWEY	1941	46	606
DOUGLAS	648	3	1366
EDMUNDS	1154	7	1141
FALL RIVER	1816	51	2029
FAULK	656	2	713
GRANT	2222	20	1836
GREGORY	1173	22	1371
HAAKON	415	11	818
HAMLIN	1454	9	1573
HAND	1139	12	1085
HANSON	944	12	1163
HARDING	217	4	587
HUGHES	4403	41	4431
HUTCHINSON	1732	11	2496
HYDE	426	6	477
JACKSON	676	15	610
JERAULD	736	9	536
JONES	299	2	416
KINGSBURY	1762	15	1283
LAKE	3493	34	2528
LAWRENCE	5453	157	6038
LINCOLN	8495	57	8528
LYMAN	1176	22	761
MARSHALL	1481	10	871
MCCOOK	1672	14	1606
MCPHERSON	614	8	963
MEADE	4737	108	6648
MELLETTE	523	16	433
MINER	852	7	619
MINNEHAHA	43367	441	33704
MOODY	2129	18	1340
PENNINGTON	20211	407	23967
PERKINS	686	12	1116
POTTER	737	2	885
ROBERTS	3135	23	1847
SANBORN	861	11	563
SHANNON	3960	103	346
SPINK	2175	13	1622
STANLEY	832	10	785
SULLY	396	6	519
TODD	2878	81	674
TRIPP	1505	15	1743
TURNER	2469	28	2354
UNION	3532	48	3412
WALWORTH	1315	15	1564
YANKTON	6055	74	4336
ZIEBACH	796	17	314
TOTALS	389468	207837	178823
PERCENTAGE		53.36%	45.71%

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION – GENERAL ELECTION November 2, 2004

	Steve Willis- Con	Jim Burg - Dem	Tony Ryan - Lib	Dusty Johnson - Rep
AURORA	22	889	12	678
BEADLE	55	4236	129	3679
BENNETT	38	791	43	622
BON HOMME	28	1454	53	1690
BROOKINGS	156	5362	261	6598
BROWN	178	7820	291	9337
BRULE	31	1365	49	1054
BUFFALO	23	421	39	217
BUTTE	89	1061	95	2706
CAMPBELL	9	183	21	587
CHARLES MIX	30	2448	67	2099
CLARK	5	839	36	1186
CLAY	81	2630	155	2721
CODINGTON	99	4780	160	7068
CORSON	13	641	89	677
CUSTER	114	1344	139	2400
DAVISON	360	3341	73	4897
DAY	33	1535	101	1405
DEUEL	42	1108	21	1122
DEWEY	41	1013	258	799
DOUGLAS	16	552	8	1319
EDMUNDS	31	784	33	1264
FALL RIVER	82	1430	141	1969
FAULK	8	423	25	739
GRANT	47	1780	54	1902
GREGORY	14	1055	36	1235
HAAKON	16	339	36	660
HAMLIN	24	1061	40	1740
HAND	20	1115	23	1007
HANSON	30	849	29	1070
HARDING	6	175	17	489
HUGHES	74	2820	95	5609
HUTCHINSON	59	1257	40	2439
HYDE	7	382	23	416
JACKSON	27	547	40	596
JERAULD	10	837	9	415
JONES	6	210	14	394
KINGSBURY	29	1285	44	1514
LAKE	54	2653	106	2871
LAWRENCE	170	3530	389	6576
LINCOLN	162	5612	185	9987
LYMAN	43	916	36	833
MARSHALL	12	943	47	940
MCCOOK	28	1440	37	1591
MCPHERSON	21	383	17	975
MEADE	189	3192	248	6979
MELLETTE	24	395	31	430
MINER	6	832	12	544
MINNEHAHA	1031	31110	1232	38565
MOODY	42	1781	55	1392
PENNINGTON	625	14078	1063	24882
PERKINS	47	466	26	1111
POTTER	10	473	29	890
ROBERTS	43	2552	72	1900
SANBORN	12	826	16	541
SHANNON	131	3274	150	556
SPINK	40	1690	32	1874
STANLEY	18	572	22	945
SULLY	6	256	13	571
TODD	93	2410	99	694
TRIPP	31	1290	41	1712
TURNER	55	1807	78	2544
UNION	96	2615	120	3513
WALWORTH	19	711	91	1594
YANKTON	111	3923	201	5247
ZIEBACH	22	411	79	398
TOTALS	359697	5094	7326	196974
PERCENTAGE		1.42%	2.04%	54.76%

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS – GENERAL ELECTION November 2, 2004

	A		B	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
AURORA	446	1123	545	1053
BEADLE	2679	5362	3757	4396
BENNETT	603	969	654	913
BON HOMME	1082	2209	1363	1951
BROOKINGS	5176	7379	5776	6977
BROWN	6813	10429	8657	8785
BRULE	776	1621	954	1495
BUFFALO	370	491	486	349
BUTTE	1329	2782	1672	2462
CAMPBELL	304	614	301	626
CHARLES MIX	1626	2903	1857	2738
CLARK	694	1517	775	1407
CLAY	2491	3212	2850	2975
CODINGTON	4567	7438	7181	4988
CORSON	698	1000	927	779
CUSTER	1510	2690	1824	2410
DAVISON	3265	5237	4623	4016
DAY	1085	2400	1389	2090
DEUEL	803	1524	918	1438
DEWEY	1129	1412	1361	1167
DOUGLAS	655	1207	796	1104
EDMUNDS	804	1302	1003	1166
FALL RIVER	1262	2478	1763	2044
FAULK	501	821	592	720
GRANT	1461	2467	2010	1955
GREGORY	796	1608	833	1592
HAAKON	383	854	384	848
HAMLIN	958	1897	1122	1787
HAND	759	1392	816	1346
HANSON	834	1132	970	1042
HARDING	237	571	283	524
HUGHES	3063	5444	3652	4898
HUTCHINSON	1588	2405	1744	2273
HYDE	310	579	319	560
JACKSON	429	812	552	703
JERAULD	406	773	466	723
JONES	196	515	228	476
KINGSBURY	971	1933	1007	1908
LAKE	2720	3060	2860	2954
LAWRENCE	3566	7681	4788	6402
LINCOLN	6095	9746	7364	8730
LYMAN	661	1166	794	1048
MARSHALL	911	1371	856	1400
MCCOOK	1070	1954	1556	1581
MCPHERSON	525	929	512	962
MEADE	3828	7185	5094	6009
MELLETTE	309	614	391	540
MINER	546	821	566	820
MINNEHAHA	27823	42924	35835	35594
MOODY	1436	1889	1540	1819
PENNINGTON	15250	27768	20809	22584
PERKINS	505	1231	653	1083
POTTER	560	1009	572	995
ROBERTS	1762	2899	2080	2627
SANBORN	473	883	544	841
SHANNON	2398	1701	2889	1241
SPINK	1147	2362	1348	2173
STANLEY	550	1029	639	933
SULLY	314	604	293	615
TODD	1588	1638	1944	1275
TRIPP	874	2256	1117	2012
TURNER	1631	2921	1815	2816
UNION	3047	3551	3030	3661
WALWORTH	955	1803	1041	1714
YANKTON	4301	5442	5792	4238
ZIEBACH	464	638	518	585
TOTALS	138368	227577	173650	195936
PERCENTAGE	37.81%	62.19%	46.99%	53.01%
	365945		369586	

INITIATED MEASURE 1 – GENERAL ELECTION November 2, 2004

	Yes	No
AURORA	380	1251
BEADLE	2261	6037
BENNETT	551	1055
BON HOMME	816	2598
BROOKINGS	4372	8694
BROWN	5660	12375
BRULE	479	2053
BUFFALO	432	444
BUTTE	1201	2988
CAMPBELL	246	719
CHARLES MIX	1279	3409
CLARK	572	1723
CLAY	2027	3925
CODINGTON	3314	9008
CORSON	754	1000
CUSTER	1836	2445
DAVISON	2178	6666
DAY	1086	2495
DEUEL	627	1782
DEWEY	1202	1417
DOUGLAS	349	1594
EDMUNDS	657	1555
FALL RIVER	1680	2176
FAULK	315	1065
GRANT	1242	2786
GREGORY	464	2057
HAAKON	254	1010
HAMLIN	843	2121
HAND	539	1672
HANSON	657	1400
HARDING	241	581
HUGHES	1676	7043
HUTCHINSON	993	3122
HYDE	216	692
JACKSON	460	809
JERAULD	329	898
JONES	136	593
KINGSBURY	750	2250
LAKE	1811	4127
LAWRENCE	4028	7367
LINCOLN	4699	11783
LYMAN	548	1328
MARSHALL	631	1733
MCCOOK	774	2397
MCPHERSON	363	1166
MEADE	4414	6875
MELLETTE	322	630
MINER	394	1042
MINNEHAHA	25537	48453
MOODY	1179	2239
PENNINGTON	18144	26106
PERKINS	415	1380
POTTER	301	1344
ROBERTS	1720	3101
SANBORN	358	1062
SHANNON	2802	1343
SPINK	824	2797
STANLEY	383	1226
SULLY	204	723
TODD	1740	1538
TRIPP	633	2577
TURNER	1240	3491
UNION	2386	4477
WALWORTH	588	2294
YANKTON	3205	7097
ZIEBACH	493	651
TOTALS	123210	255855
PERCENTAGE	32.50%	67.50%

2004 Constitutional Amendments

The following amendments to the State Constitution are submitted to the voters by the Legislature. The amendments will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.

Constitutional Amendment A – General Election

Constitutional Amendment A

Title: An amendment to Article V, section 7 of the South Dakota Constitution, providing for the merit selection of circuit court judges.

Attorney General Explanation

Under the Constitution, circuit court judges are elected on a non-political ballot for eight year terms. The Governor appoints judges to fill vacancies for the balance of unexpired terms. Nominees for vacancies are selected by the judicial qualifications commission.

Amendment A would change the Constitution by establishing an appointment and retention election procedure. New judges would be appointed by the Governor from nominees selected by the judicial qualifications commission. Judges would be subject to a retention election on a non-political ballot three years after appointment, and every eight years after that, by the voters of the circuit the judge represents.

A vote “Yes” will change the Constitution.

A vote “No” will leave the Constitution as it is.

Constitutional Amendment B – General Election

Constitutional Amendment B

Title: An amendment to Article VIII, section 20 of the South Dakota Constitution to authorize the provision of certain services to all children of school age.

Attorney General Explanation

The Constitution generally prohibits the Legislature from giving state money or property to sectarian schools. However, the Constitution allows the Legislature to authorize the loan of nonsectarian textbooks to children of school age, including those attending sectarian schools.

Amendment B, if adopted, would change the Constitution to also allow the Legislature to authorize participation in food and transportation services for children of school age, including those attending sectarian schools.

A vote “Yes” will change the Constitution.

A vote “No” will leave the Constitution as it is.

Initiated Measure

The following initiated measure was proposed by petition for submission to the voters. This initiated measure will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.

Initiated Measure I

Title: An act to exempt food from sales and use taxes.

Attorney General Explanation

The state collects a sales and use tax on the sale of food. Many cities and towns also collect a municipal sales and use tax on the sale of food.

Initiated Measure 1, if adopted, would exempt food from state and municipal sales and use taxes, and eliminate this source of revenue.

A vote “Yes” will change state law.

A vote “No” will leave state law as it is.

**South Dakota Republican Party
2004 Platform****Preamble**

The South Dakota Republican Party believes that the fundamental principles of the Republican Party are rooted in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of South Dakota. The Party supports the preservation of our Republic, its ideals and institutions for the good of all Americans and adamantly opposes the erosion of these cherished freedoms.

The South Dakota Republican Party believes the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, liberty and integrity must be honored. The Party supports our heritage of religious freedom and personal responsibility.

The South Dakota Republican Party believes in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, gender, age and ability.

The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes the free enterprise system and the work ethic of our people as the foundation of our economic success and security.

The South Dakota Republican Party believes the 21st Century requires continued responsible leadership. Leadership must neither burden nor hinder individual rights and efforts. Leadership must also be mindful of the Republican Platform and the fundamental principles of the Constitution of the United States of America. We believe the most effective and responsible government is government closest to the people.

The South Dakota Republican Party believes the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations. The best government is that which governs least.

We believe South Dakota is a great place to live, rear a family, and provide opportunity for everyone. To these ends, and for the people of South Dakota, the Republican Party offers, pledges, and commits itself to the following platform.

Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy

1. The South Dakota Republican Party supports a strong and viable economy for agriculture, our number one industry, with a strong emphasis on new technologies, labeling and value-added products that increase the value of our agricultural products.
2. The South Dakota Republican Party supports free, fair and competitive markets, both domestic and foreign, for all agriculture products. We support allowing agricultural producers to use any and all business opportunities available. We believe free, fair and competitive markets are best for both the producer and the consumer.
3. The South Dakota Republican Party supports conservation of our natural resources. We also support the continued development and funding of water resource projects that will enhance our economic viability and assure sufficient water quality and quantity in the best interest of our state.
4. The South Dakota Republican Party supports a clean environment with fair and reasonable standards for maintaining clean air, clean water and a healthy environment through the application of technically sound management practices.

5. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the mining, forestry, energy, and agricultural industries of our state, for their contributions to our economy and supports the responsible multiple use of our public lands.
6. The South Dakota Republican Party supports a responsible increased harvest of the Black Hills Forest to make a healthier, more sustainable resource that reduces losses from destructive forces such as catastrophic fires or insect infestations.
7. The South Dakota Republican Party supports efforts to reduce losses to public and private lands from destructive forces such as catastrophic fires and infestations from insects, weeds and pests, such as prairie dogs, originating from public lands.
8. The South Dakota Republican Party supports responsible waste management, which protects the environment and allows local units of government to make decisions for their communities.
9. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the development of sound recreation projects throughout the state without adversely affecting agriculture, fish, wildlife and other natural resources and with due consideration toward property owners who have property affected by such development.
10. The South Dakota Republican Party strongly supports private property rights.
11. The South Dakota Republican Party supports establishing a national process to identify the origin of meat sold for human consumption.
12. The South Dakota Republican Party supports efforts to reduce the amount of sediment entering the Missouri River mainstem reservoirs and supports the removal of sediment that has, or will, enter the reservoirs. American Indians and others in South Dakota with interest in the Missouri River should be involved in the decision-making process.

Economic Development and Jobs

13. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the expansion and promotion of business and industries to create new jobs in the state, particularly those that will use South Dakota resources.
14. The South Dakota Republican Party supports public and private efforts to promote, develop, and fund South Dakota tourism.
15. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the continued development of the cooperative relationship between businesses and all levels of education.
16. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the continued use of innovative programs, such as the 2010 Initiative and other successful programs, that promote continued economic growth and diversity for all South Dakotans and ensure that our South Dakota youth have opportunities to remain in the state
17. The South Dakota Republican Party supports fair compensation for all citizens, regardless of race, creed, gender, age or ability, and continued support of the current right to work provision in our state constitution.
18. The South Dakota Republican Party believes government should not have an unfair advantage in competition with private enterprise.
19. The South Dakota Republican Party supports and salutes the men and women of Ellsworth Air Force Base for their efforts in maintaining a strong national defense and encourages the strengthening of the current mission and adding more missions to Ellsworth Air Force Base.
20. The South Dakota Republican Party supports and salutes the men and women of the South Dakota Army and Air National Guard and Reserves for their efforts in maintaining a strong national defense and for supporting local projects and missions.
21. The South Dakota Republican Party supports partnerships, and cooperation between telecommunications providers and government to improve affordable access and service to all South Dakota residents. The Party supports the increased use of telecommunications technology by education, business and government. The Party supports efforts to attract higher-paying technology jobs to South Dakota.

22. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the conversion of the Homestake Mine for scientific and research purposes.

Health and Human Services

23. The South Dakota Republican Party affirms its commitment to the physical, mental, social “Tiospaye” (extended family) and spiritual well-being and quality of life for all our citizens.
24. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes that South Dakota continues to make strides in health care. We support the concept that individual states should develop and control their own health care plans as determined by local needs.
25. The South Dakota Republican Party supports and encourages a working relationship between government, health-related organizations, faith based organizations and individuals to address the quality, access and affordability of health care, including pharmaceuticals, especially in rural areas of South Dakota.
26. The South Dakota Republican Party supports preventive strategies, including abstinence-based education, designed to avert health problems through education where those strategies reinforce values taught in the home.
27. The South Dakota Republican Party affirms its commitment to addressing the needs of our citizens who are physically and/or mentally unable to care for themselves.
28. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes parents as the primary childcare givers. We support quality, private childcare when this service is necessary.

Education and Cultural Affairs

29. The South Dakota Republican Party supports our state’s commitment to quality education consistent with Republican values. The Party supports public, private and home school educational opportunities for all students in South Dakota. The Party supports a continuing emphasis on educational opportunity so South Dakota students can have the same knowledge and skill levels as the best students in the world. Education should remain among our highest priorities.
30. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes that good reading skills are key to success in life. The Party supports improvements in reading programs at the lower grade levels as the foundation for all subsequent learning.
31. The South Dakota Republican Party supports parental choice and local control in education in our state.
32. The South Dakota Republican Party affirms its commitment to a quality, safe educational environment conducive to learning, which is free of crime, violence, illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco use.
33. The South Dakota Republican Party supports state aid to education within the financial limits of the state of South Dakota.
34. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes that the economy of the 21st Century will require new skills and continuing education for people. The Party supports a post-secondary technical and university system that will provide a quality education and job skills for all our citizens.
35. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes that ethnic harmony is an on-going concern in our multi-cultural state. The Party reaffirms its support of efforts to increase awareness of the rich and changing cultural diversity of South Dakota’s citizens.
36. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the teaching of the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Federalist Papers and other important historical documents, as well as the teaching of World, American, South Dakota , and American Indian history, emphasizing the principles and values upon which our nation was founded.

The Party also supports the display of the Ten Commandments in our schools if the display conforms to our state laws.

37. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the state's continuing efforts to supply and use technology in our schools. The Party supports programs that give teachers, administrators and school specialists the special skills and technology they need for improving educational opportunities for their students.
38. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes the importance and value of the cultural, artistic and historical resources of South Dakota.

Governmental Affairs

39. The South Dakota Republican Party continues to support the people of South Dakota in their long-standing commitment to reject personal or corporate income or estate taxes.
40. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the continued review of federal, state and local taxation to protect the long-term economic viability of all people of South Dakota.
41. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes that government is primarily funded by the taxes which come from individuals and businesses. The Party encourages government at all levels to operate efficiently, share services wherever possible and limit or reduce government spending when possible.
42. The South Dakota Republican Party supports states' rights and opposes government mandates, especially those which do not provide the funding, or the means of funding, necessary to carry out such mandates.
43. The South Dakota Republican Party supports a balanced state budget with the maintenance of an adequate reserve fund and supports a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.
44. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the construction, repair, maintenance and development of quality transportation infrastructure in a fair and equitable manner throughout the state.
45. The South Dakota Republican Party respects the American flag and supports an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect our flag from acts of desecration.
46. The South Dakota Republican Party honors, respects and supports members and veterans of our armed forces and their families.
47. The South Dakota Republican Party reaffirms that parents being the primary nurturers are responsible for financial support, moral training, and discipline of their children
48. The South Dakota Republican Party encourages the federal government to permanently eliminate the capital gains tax.
49. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the permanent elimination of the marriage penalty in the federal tax code.
50. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the permanent elimination of federal estate taxes.
51. The South Dakota Republican Party supports efforts to provide increased retirement opportunities by allowing individuals to privately invest a portion of their Social Security funds.
52. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes that voting is the cornerstone of our republic. It is a right and a privilege, which should not be taken for granted, and must be treated with dignity. The South Dakota Republican Party supports efforts to ensure a voting process that guarantees every eligible South Dakotan a valid vote.
53. The South Dakota Republican Party encourages dialogue pertaining to Article VI of the United States Constitution concerning treaties related to South Dakota.
54. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the appointment of Federal judges that reflect the values of the Republican Party.

Public Safety and Security

55. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the administration of justice to protect our citizens and their property, to assist the victims of crime, and to punish and rehabilitate offenders and assist in the transition of offenders into society.
56. The South Dakota Republican Party supports public decency standards. We support the right of and encourage local South Dakota communities to implement and enforce such standards.
57. The South Dakota Republican Party supports law enforcement that assures every citizen's right to live in a violence-free and illegal drug-free environment. We applaud, appreciate and promote respect of those involved with public safety in South Dakota.
58. The South Dakota Republican Party supports our 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms and opposes any further attempts to restrict private firearms ownership.
59. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the continued development of a strong emergency response system in South Dakota.
60. The South Dakota Republican Party supports efforts of the offices of state and national Homeland Security which are aimed at maintaining a secure state and nation.

Family and Community Values

61. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes the family as the central core of society and the foundation of our state and nation, and supports the family as it nurtures the spiritual growth that fosters generosity of spirit and responsible citizenship.
62. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes that our country was founded in faith upon the truth that self-government is rooted in religious convictions. The Constitution guards against the establishment of state-sponsored religions and honors the free exercise of religion. The courts must respect this freedom and the original intent of the framers of the constitution.
63. The South Dakota Republican Party encourages parents/guardians, schools and libraries to secure their computers against on-line pornography and predators.
64. The South Dakota Republican Party opposes cultural pollution in music, videos, printed or electronic media which glamorizes illegal drug usage and the exploitation or abuse of adults and children.
65. The South Dakota Republican Party believes that marriage is the union of one man and one woman and must never be redefined to include civil unions of same-sex couples, or groups of individuals. To defend the sanctity of marriage, we support the passage of the Federal Marriage Amendment and appropriate South Dakota statutes.
66. The South Dakota Republican Party reaffirms its long-standing historic support and respect for the sanctity of human life, including the unborn, the elderly, the chronically ill and the terminally ill.
67. The South Dakota Republican Party opposes partial birth abortion and supports the recent congressional ban on partial birth abortion. We support those who provide alternatives to abortion or offer adoption services.
68. The South Dakota Republican Party, consistent with South Dakota law, opposes funding abortions with public resources.

**South Dakota Democratic Party
2004 Platform**

Agriculture and Rural Life

The South Dakota Democratic Party recognizes the importance of agriculture, not only to its farmers and ranchers but also to the economy of the state and nation and the plentiful, wholesome, and reasonably priced supply of food and fiber to the consumers of the nation and the world. It also recognizes that the fundamental core of agriculture and rural life is the family farm and ranch and rural communities.

Therefore, the South Dakota Democratic Party supports:

1. The improvements of the family agricultural production in South Dakota are important for ongoing rural economic vitality in our state. The tools needed to achieve these ends include, but are not limited to: research and development of value-added projects, development of producer-owned and operated cooperatives, programs and services that promote training and sustaining viable farm and ranch production units, and creating educational opportunities for our youth, such as 4-H, improvement of financial aid, and other programs to assist rural areas to finance and build further processing for agricultural products, rural development, renewable energy, and other new projects good for South Dakota and all its citizens.
2. Efforts to end monopolization, concentration, and control of agricultural commodities is of the utmost importance. This can be achieved by banning packer ownership of livestock, country of origin labeling on all food products, and making market competition a part of the marketing structure in this nation. South Dakota needs to aggressively pursue these issues statewide and nationally.
3. Local control of planning and zoning.
4. State support of our homegrown, renewable fuels, including ethanol, bio-diesel, and other biomass fuels.
5. Support the use of ethanol and bio-diesel fuels in state vehicles and the purchase of flexible fuel vehicles.
6. Coordination of programs so that food, agriculture and natural resource conservation policies are linked together and provide appropriate private incentives to produce, while still protecting natural resources. An economically strong agriculture is essential so that producers are financially able to properly manage natural resources for future generations using best management practices.
7. Energy in South Dakota is an issue that needs to have state focus, research, and study done now. We need to have the information and know the potential for that development. This applies to renewable fuels, wind energy, hydro generation, hydrogen fuels, and any other potential we have in South Dakota.
8. Since agriculture is still South Dakota's number one industry, the South Dakota State Fair should be financially supported by the state of South Dakota to sustain a valuable institution that is an integral part of our way of life.
9. Supports the nation wide implementation of the conservation security program and programs of similar nature that provide monetary incentives for farmers and ranchers to implement and maintain stewardship of South Dakota's natural resources.
10. We strongly support education and mentoring programs, such as the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation, which administers efforts to educate young people on agriculture and cooperatives and mentor young producers toward success.
11. The South Dakota Democratic Party recognizes that exporting South Dakota's people and our raw agriculture products is destabilizing to our state. To this end we encourage major investments in commodity value-added industries in South Dakota. The South Dakota Democratic Party recognizes the rich cultural history that agriculture has within the state and supports all efforts towards regeneration the heritage and legacies of our family farms and ranches.

Economic Development and Tourism

The South Dakota Democratic Party advocates long-term and diversified economic development and tourism strategies that target an improved quality of life for all South Dakota citizens, and which build a first rate economy that can prosper in an increasingly competitive global economy. The Party recognizes that economic development is not only measured by the number of jobs but the quality of jobs created.

In accordance with these principles, the South Dakota Democratic Party supports:

1. Agriculture through efforts of individuals, organizations, government entities and communities in the effort of promoting new ideas and implementing existing ideas to strengthen the rural economy including:
 - a. Opportunities for family farmers and ranchers through expansion of value added agriculture with further processing in state.
 - b. Building on the value added agriculture possibilities to provide high quality jobs.
 - c. Nurturing all potential for renewable resources such as wind, ethanol and biomass.
 - d. Approaching new opportunities to explore and develop South Dakota agriculture products as potential areas of medical treatment and prevention.
 - e. The mining and timber industries and their appropriate multiple use of land
2. Energy development and recognizes the importance of public utilities by:
 - a. Urging any change in utilities policy take into account the needs of rural areas.
 - b. Enhancing the economy by working on marketable solutions for our renewable energy.
 - c. Removing barriers that impede or hinder the growth of resource industries.
 - d. Ensuring our renewable energy sources are a part of a national energy policy.
3. Continued maintenance and further development of an infrastructure promoting economic growth through:
 - a. Educational opportunities corresponding with societal needs.
 - b. Increased coverage and quality of communication technologies such as wireless, cellular and broadband service.
 - c. Active support of an expansion of the research community.
 - d. Recognition that a modern transportation system is vital.
 - e. Acknowledgement of the need to balance water usage and continue pursuing funding and development of the water projects within the state.
4. Economic and policy strategies that clearly emphasize internal development with a primary thrust toward encouraging, promoting and nurturing entrepreneurial enterprises through:
 - a. Research to include biological, medical, engineering, physical, chemical and information technology.
 - b. Expanding existing opportunities including e-commerce and distance learning.
 - c. Encouraging local communities in assisting with entrepreneurial opportunities.
 - d. Supporting long-term and diversified economic development on South Dakota's Indian reservations.
 - e. Securing venture or seed capital from public and private sources to foster growth.
5. Expanded development of the South Dakota tourism industry through:
 - a. Generous funding for the promotion of South Dakota as a quality vacation destination.
 - b. Increased awareness of historical sites and cultural events, recreational activities and family attractions.
 - c. Further development of recreational trails on private, state and federal lands.
 - d. Involving more directly the Native American community in the tourist industry.
 - e. Expanding the role of the visitor centers to better focus on the hospitable quality of the people of South Dakota.

Education

The South Dakota Democratic Party supports public education and strongly encourages all communities to make education a priority. A major responsibility of our State government is to establish and maintain a general and uniform system of public education, which is equitable, fair and adequate. Therefore, the South Dakota Democratic Party supports and encourages:

1. A formula that adequately and equitably funds public education and stabilizes pre K-12 school finance.
2. Increased state funding for post secondary education, including universities, tribal colleges and technical institutes.
3. Increasing salaries for all education personnel.
4. Continued state funding of academic scholarships and other incentives for post secondary students, including part time and non-traditional students.
5. A well-rounded pre K-12 curriculum that follows the state content standards and includes the fine arts, world languages, career and technical education, physical education and technology education.
6. A full complement of support services for students utilizing certified personnel.
7. School accreditation, teacher certification and professional development, including training and access to technology.
8. Certified teachers in every classroom.
9. Collaboration with educators, parents, community members, businesses and government agencies to promote community involvement and to secure additional funding for our schools.
10. Enrollment in courses or programs of study to fulfill the work requirements for welfare recipients.
11. A safe and drug-free learning environment in all schools.
12. Strong and effective literacy programs for life-long learners.
13. State funding based on actual costs, not averages, for servicing those with disabilities and special education needs.
14. The development and funding of programs that identify and assist at-risk students at an early age.
15. The development and funding of early childhood education programs that are available for all children
16. Educationally appropriate class sizes for all curricular areas in our schools.
17. Effective programs to attract and retain teachers.
18. The recognition of teachers who pursue the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification by increasing the longevity of the stipend to match the lifetime of the certificate.

Health Care

The South Dakota Democratic Party believes that equal access to effective, affordable, and high quality health care is the right of all citizens.

1. We support affordable health care coverage for every South Dakotan.
2. We support a meaningful Patient's Bill of Rights.
3. We support the monitoring and regulating of health insurance and managed care companies and self-insured organizations in order to protect consumers and assure quality health care services for all citizens.
4. We applaud the establishment of a state pool for the high risk/medically uninsurable and support continued expansion to meet needs.
5. We support extending insurance coverage to include mental health care on an equal basis with physical health care
6. We support aggressive pursuit of remedies for reducing prescription drug pricing.

7. We support a strong and viable public health system in order to promote and support community wellness and prevention efforts towards a healthy South Dakota.
8. We support higher education in South Dakota for health care professionals to ensure the highest quality of healthcare services and encourage health professional graduates to practice in rural settings. Admission preference should go to S.D. residents.
9. We support that monies allocated to or generated from the health care trust fund be utilized for health care purposes, including long-term care.
10. We support increased funding for veteran's health care services.

Human Rights

The South Dakota Democratic Party recognizes that we are a global and multicultural community. We recognize that each individual brings a special gift to the community. We believe in the principles of dignity, self-determination, justice and a decent quality of life.

In order to promote a more civil society, we support the following:

1. A commitment to meeting every individual's basic human needs and to promote tolerance and respect for diverse cultures, lifestyles, spirituality and viewpoints.
2. The right to live, work and worship within a community without fear of discrimination.
3. The reform of the Patriot Act.
4. Elimination of racial profiling.
5. The separation of church and state.
6. The necessity for South Dakota medical providers receiving public funds to render impartial and dignified treatment without regard to race, sexual orientation, gender, age, economic status, religion or marital status. Including:
 - a. Information regarding emergency contraception.
 - b. Full healthcare regardless of sexual orientation / gender assignment.
 - c. Treating HIV / AIDS as a health issue, not a legal issue.
7. Adequate funding of domestic violence shelters, sexual assault centers and visitation centers.
8. Quality, affordable childcare that meets health and safety standards.
9. Reasonable alternatives to incarceration for those offenders who would benefit from programs that promote rehabilitation and behavioral change commensurate with public safety, including restoration of educational opportunities.
10. Safety of juvenile offenders within the State of South Dakota including:
 - a. The fundamental purpose of our juvenile corrections system must be reform, not punishment.
 - b. Mandated accreditation of the Juvenile Department of Corrections system.
 - c. Creation of an ombudsman, guaranteed to be independent of political or bureaucratic pressure, fully qualified and empowered to act on behalf of young people.
 - d. Separation by sight and sound of juveniles from adult detainees.
 - e. A Bill of Rights for incarcerated youth and the parents and guardians of all children under jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections, affording due process of law.
11. The Americans with Disabilities Act and appropriate programs to ensure the dignity of persons with disabilities.
12. Appropriate staffing and funding for the South Dakota Human Rights Commission.

Labor and Employment

The South Dakota Democratic Party is committed to improving the lives of South Dakota's workers and their families. Therefore, the South Dakota Democratic Party:

1. Supports, and will work towards securing a living wage, including raising the minimum wage for South Dakota.

2. Supports the protection and expansion of workers' rights and benefits, such as breaks, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, healthy and safe work places, and health care. The party also supports eliminating discrimination in the workplaces on the basis of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion or union affiliation.
3. Supports an end to the so-called "Right to Work" Amendment in the South Dakota Constitution and encourages education on what "Right To Work" means.
4. Supports the rights of workers to participate in all aspects of government in South Dakota without employer retribution.
5. Opposes any action that would undermine the ability of labor unions to educate their members and express political viewpoints.
6. Supports continued efforts towards equal pay for equal work for all workers in the state of South Dakota.
7. Supports the use of state funds, grants, and loans to create jobs that pay a living wage, in an effort to keep the youth of South Dakota in the state.
8. Supports giving all South Dakota employees Equal Protection under the state bargaining statute and the right to binding arbitration.
9. Believes non-union members of a bargaining unit, who benefit from union representation, should pay for the cost of their representation.
10. Supports the abolition of "at-will" work laws.
11. Supports the rights of employees to use time off necessary to care for their illness or that of family members without sacrificing vacation time earned or facing retribution.
12. Supports the raise in the unemployment compensation rate by 50 percent plus the annual rate of inflation going back to last time it was increased.

Native American Issues

We recognize the treaty status of the Native Americans in South Dakota as sovereign nations. We also recognize the unique relationship tribes have with the Federal Government. In addition, we recognize the need to foster a positive working relationship between the tribes, the South Dakota Democratic Party, the state and the local governments. We, the Democratic Party:

1. Recognize, respect, honor, and promote the positive values that have sustained the many Native American cultures.
2. Promote awareness of the relationship between the State of South Dakota and the sovereign nations of the Native Americans.
3. Aggressively support the creative pursuit of business and economic opportunities for Native Americans in South Dakota.
4. Support federal, state, tribal and local coordination and cooperation in the protection of the environment and natural resources.
5. Support and encourage state cooperation to improve the living conditions of Native Americans through the development of infrastructure and housing.
6. Support and encourage state cooperation to improve the quality of life, health care services and delivery, and progressive educational opportunities for Native Americans.
7. Support, encourage, and promote the equal participation of Native Americans at all levels of the South Dakota Democratic Party and the political process.
8. Recognize the right of Native American children to grow up in a Native American setting and the interests of tribes in preserving that right as mandated by the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Natural Resources

The South Dakota Democratic Party recognizes the fact that protection of our water, air, land, and other natural resources is both essential and beneficial to positive economic development. Natural resources must be managed and protected in a way that enhances our quality of life and strengthens agriculture, tourism, manufacturing and South Dakota's other vital industries. South Dakota's unique lifestyle depends upon the protection of our environment and on responsible economic

development. Management and regulatory policies must recognize the need to promote sound conservation practices geared toward long term sustainability of our natural resources. Our resources belong not to corporate polluters, but to future generations.

1. We support stricter oversight and enforcement of our state and federal Environmental laws. Those responsible for polluting and/or degrading the quality of South Dakota land, air, and water, should be held responsible for their actions. When necessary, prompt clean-up should be conducted at the expense of the polluters.
2. We encourage wise and effective management of forest resources with emphasis on thinning to protect populated areas. We further encourage reduction of wildland fire hazards by removal of dense brush and small diameter trees regardless of marketability of such material.
3. We support policies that provide enhanced outdoor recreational opportunities without damaging South Dakota's natural resources.
4. We support adequate funding to maintain and improve South Dakota's public assets, such as lakes, parks, rivers, wetlands, and forests.
5. We recognize South Dakota's rich heritage of hunting and fishing. We encourage adequate funding and access to public hunting and fishing areas to protect this tradition for future generations.
6. We support continuing development and funding of municipal and rural water systems such as but not limited to Mid-Dakota, Lewis and Clark, Bon Homme-Yankton, and Mni-Wiconi.
7. In order to minimize pollution caused by fossil fuel generation of electricity and to develop South Dakota's natural resources, we encourage efforts to utilize wind, biomass, solar, hydropower, ethanol, bio-diesel, hydrogen, geothermal steam, and other renewable energy.
8. We support utilizing the services of the Conservation Districts for the development of each community's natural resources.
9. We encourage increased public education regarding the numerous benefits of conservation and recycling. We strongly support the practices of conservation on state lands, in state facilities, in local communities, and encourage initiatives to promote improved efficiency and fuel economy for state-owned vehicles.

Senior Issues

The South Dakota Democratic Party recognizes the tremendous social and economic contributions that senior citizens make to our society and understands the necessity of ensuring a quality of life for all senior citizens.

We, the South Dakota Democratic Party:

1. Encourage the state of South Dakota to recognize and appreciate the skills, leadership and expertise of our senior citizens and continue to formulate programs to make use of these resources
2. Encourage the state to fund and develop a continuum of progress and services for senior living, including family care, home health care, assisted living, and nursing homes.
3. Support access to affordable prescription drugs, re-importation of prescription drugs from Canada and other foreign countries, and allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices as the Veterans Administration does.
4. Support at an early age increased general education and awareness about the need and benefits of long-term care coverage.
5. Support access to telecommunications services for all senior citizens at reasonable and affordable rates.
6. Oppose all surcharges and add-ons beyond basic bill.
7. Oppose deregulation of electric utilities in South Dakota.
8. Support whatever means is necessary to eliminate spam on the Internet consistent with Freedom of Information.
9. Support public policy that ensures the availability of affordable, reliable, and stable utility rates.

State and Local Revenue

The South Dakota Democratic Party urges the State Legislature and the Executive Branch to improve the fairness of our antiquated tax structure. Our tax system should:

1. Be based on a tax structure which taxes all income levels fairly.
2. Adequately fund public education.
3. Provide for proper maintenance of the states and local infrastructure and government operations.
4. Address the continuing serious flaws in our current system of taxing property.
5. Be competitive with surrounding states.
6. Remove the sales tax on food.
7. Exempt local governments from the contractors excise tax.
8. Include rules on tax increment financing which prohibit property tax decisions by one local jurisdiction from adversely impacting another jurisdiction.

Agriculture Resolution

WHEREAS, current trade policies run the risk of turning the United States economy from a producer to a consumer economy and endanger the success of new innovations and industries such as ethanol and soy diesel,

WHEREAS, the discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in Canadian cattle is a threat to the consumers of the United States,

WHEREAS, with many of the “free trade” agreements, United States agriculture is shortchanged by opening our markets to other countries and putting us at a disadvantage in foreign markets,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that we urge the President, the United States Congress and our U.S. trade representatives to work with other nations toward fair trade policies for the American producers.

Cost of Living Adjustment Resolution**South Dakota Retirement System**

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Retirement system is considering legislation to lower the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for retirees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Dakota Democratic Party opposes lowering the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

Education Resolution

WHEREAS, public education is a high priority for the citizens of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the establishment and maintenance of a general and uniform system of public education is a responsibility of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, limited resources are currently available for public education and any division of public monies to fund services for non-public schools will further erode our commitment to public education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Democratic Party opposes Constitutional Amendment B (2004 Legislative Session –HJR 1003) on the November 2004 Ballot, which expands the services to non public schools and diverts public money from local school districts.

Ellsworth Air Force Base Resolution

WHEREAS, Ellsworth Air Force Base contributes \$260 million annually to the economy of South Dakota on a \$2.2 billion infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Ellsworth Air Force Base has been reduced to one wing, when in the past it has supported four wings; and

WHEREAS, Ellsworth Air Force Base has the capabilities of having a realigned mission, and the airspace to support the realignment,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the South Dakota Democratic Party supports Ellsworth Air Force Base as an economic entity and its continuing and expanding mission in the defense of our country.

Health Care Resolution

Resolution #1

WHEREAS, all patients should be guaranteed the right to select the doctor of their choice; and
WHEREAS, all patients should be allowed to seek treatment from a specialist without being first referred to the specialist; and
WHEREAS, it is vital that all individuals receive emergency care at the closest facility; and
WHEREAS, all patients should have the right to visit doctors outside their coverage network at a minimal additional cost; and
WHEREAS, all patients should have the right to access our courts to hold their HMO responsible for denial of services;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Dakota Democratic Party supports federal and state legislation that will advance these goals and guarantee these rights.

Health Care Resolution

Resolution #2

WHEREAS, continued protection of quality health care is a matter of concern to all South Dakotans; and
WHEREAS, the health care system is national in scope and crosses all state boundaries; and
WHEREAS, congressional action is necessary to preserve, protect and enhance a nationwide system of quality health care;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Dakota Democratic Party supports federal legislation which provides quality health care coverage for all Americans.

Health Care Resolution

Resolution #3

WHEREAS, we recognize that the South Dakota population is aging as baby boomers near retirement; and
WHEREAS, Senior Citizens and retirees deserve the opportunity to maintain their optimal quality of life; and
WHEREAS, approximately 70% of nursing home patients are Medicaid recipients; and
WHEREAS, South Dakota nursing homes are losing \$24.2 million annually due to dwindling Medicaid reimbursements; and
WHEREAS, long-term health care is in a state of crisis causing nursing homes to possibly have to downgrade their care or close their doors.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Dakota Democratic Party supports action on all levels that encourages advanced planning and funding for a broad continuum of long-term care services, especially the use of Intergovernmental Transfer Funds (IGT Funds)/Healthcare Trust Fund earnings for the care of our elderly and disabled nursing home residents.

Health Care Resolution

Resolution #4

Deductibility of Health Care Insurance Costs

WHEREAS, health care insurance costs are a burdensome but necessary expense for South Dakota families; and
WHEREAS, businesses enjoy the deductibility of health insurance expense for their employees as a cost of doing business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Democratic Party supports federal legislation to allow full tax deductibility of health insurance costs, including long-term care, for families and individuals.

Health Care Resolution

Resolution #5

Veteran's Healthcare

WHEREAS, we recognize the sacrifices that South Dakota veterans and their families have contributed in maintaining our rights and freedoms; and

WHEREAS, veterans of the armed services performed their duties admirably; and

WHEREAS, our veterans receive healthcare benefits that were guaranteed to them for their services; and

WHEREAS, this care is available through hospitals and clinics administered by the Veteran's Administration; and

WHEREAS, unacceptable waiting periods are encountered by veterans seeking to access their health care; and

WHEREAS, veterans quality of life and personal dignity are jeopardized by this lack of access;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Democratic Party urges the United States Congress to increase funding for the Veteran's Administration and take whatever other steps are necessary to assure timely treatment for American veterans.

Homestake Mine Resolution

WHEREAS, the SD Democratic Party advocates long term and diversified economic development, and the advancement of scientific research; and

WHEREAS, the state of South Dakota has invested time and resources into the conversion of the Homestake Mine into an underground scientific laboratory; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has also allocated funding to the Homestake Project; and

WHEREAS, the SD Democratic Party recognizes the importance of the Homestake Mine as a pivotal research and economic resource for our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SD Democratic Party urges the National Science Foundation to declare the Homestake Underground Lab as their official underground laboratory

Iraq War Resolution

WHEREAS, South Dakotans have a long and distinguished history of answering their country's call to duty in large numbers relative to our state's population;

WHEREAS, thousands of South Dakotans have served or are serving their country courageously and honorably in Iraq;

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration's failure to assemble a United Nations coalition in Iraq has resulted in the military burden being born disproportionately by U.S. troops and reconstruction efforts being funded almost exclusively by American taxpayers;

WHEREAS, rather than directly asking for more troops and resources from the international community – particularly in light of the unanimous vote in favor of a Security Council resolution on the transfer of sovereignty to Iraq – the Bush Administration continues to ask for more from our troops and their families and from America's taxpayers;

WHEREAS, respect for freedom of speech and tolerance of differing points of view are sacred tenets of American democracy and important goals of U.S. policy in Iraq;

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration continues to imply that Americans who raise questions about its Iraq policy are unpatriotic;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the South Dakota Democratic Party

- express its profound appreciation for the sacrifices made by South Dakotans who are serving or have served so honorably in Iraq, and for their families;

- notes with deep sadness the ultimate sacrifice made by at least eight South Dakotans and the wounding of a number of others;
- calls on the Bush Administration to build a true international coalition for reconstruction of Iraq, a coalition that will hasten the stabilization and security of Iraq, and will enable the earliest feasible exit of US Troops;
- urges the Bush Administration to stop using language that impugns the patriotism of Americans who raise questions or disagree with aspects of its policies on Iraq; and
- underscores the need for the President to present to Congress and the American people a realistic plan for stabilizing Iraq, a realistic estimate of the costs of that plan (including the costs of military and reconstruction efforts), and an honest accounting of how to pay these costs.

Labor and Employment Resolution

Resolution #1

WHEREAS, employees have been expected to work when their lives have been endangered due to extraordinary conditions created by natural disasters and acts of terror

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Democratic Party supports that any non-emergency response employee may refuse to work if his/her life is threatened due to these extraordinary conditions without fear of retribution.

Labor and Employment Resolution

Resolution #2

WHEREAS, over 2 million jobs in the United States have been lost in the last four years; and

WHEREAS, American job growth is essential for local, state and the national economy; and

WHEREAS, American workers, products and services are second to none;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the South Dakota Democratic Party supports American jobs for American workers; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the South Dakota Democratic Party opposes job outsourcing.

Missouri River Sedimentation Resolution

WHEREAS, the Missouri River main stem dams, Gavins Point, Fort Randall, Big Bend, Oahe and Garrison Dams were constructed by the federal government under the Flood Control Act of 1944, also know as the Pick Sloan Plan, and Fort Peck Dam was constructed by the federal government as a WPA project, and improved under the Flood Control Act of 1944, and;

WHEREAS, said dams provide major benefits to the citizens of South Dakota and many other states, with said benefits including flood control, low cost hydro-power, domestic and irrigation water supplies, stored water for navigation usages, and major recreation benefits, and;

WHEREAS, sediment has entered and continues to enter the reservoirs created by these dams, with said sediment being deposited within the waters of the reservoirs, and;

WHEREAS, these sediment deposits are having a serious negative effect upon the benefits provided by these dams and reservoirs, with damages to agriculture, water supplies, hydro-power production, housing and business structures, roads, and recreation facilities, and;

WHEREAS, the federal government, acting through the managing agency, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, has not taken any steps to correct the sediment problem, with the exception of purchasing affected properties, or of paying for repairs to damaged facilities, and;

WHEREAS, unless the sediment problem is properly addressed, with the sediment being controlled and removed, the reservoirs will ultimately fill with sediment and many of the benefits will be lost:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Democratic Party of South Dakota hereby adopts the position of supporting fully efforts to reduce the amount of sediment entering the reservoirs, and fully supports the removal of sediment that has, or will, enter the reservoirs, and;

FURTHER, the Democratic Party of South Dakota hereby requests the federal government immediately take all necessary steps to fund and implement a plan to accomplish the control and removal of sediment in order to preserve and enhance the many benefits provided to the citizens of South Dakota, all other affected states, and the citizens of the United States of America.

Native American Resolution

WHEREAS, the leadership of the South Dakota Republican Party made allegations falsely stating, after losing the 2002 election, that the South Dakota Democratic Party committed widespread voter fraud to increase the voter turnout among Native American voters; and,

WHEREAS, the Republican state attorney general conducted investigations of these damaging allegations and admitted that they had no basis in fact; and,

WHEREAS, the Republican-controlled South Dakota Legislature then reenacted the requirement to notarize absentee ballot requests, which hinders voter access to the election process; and,

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Democratic Party supports reauthorization of Section 5 of the Voters Rights Act of 1965 (SEC. 5. Whenever a State or political subdivision with respect to which the prohibitions set forth in section 4(a) are in effect shall enact or seek to administer any voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure with respect to voting different from that in force or effect on November 1, 1964, such State or subdivision may institute an action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for a declaratory judgment that such qualification, prerequisite, standard, practice, or procedure does not have the purpose and will not have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color, and unless and until the court enters such judgment no person shall be denied the right to vote for failure to comply with such qualification, prerequisite, standard, practice, or procedure: Provided, that such qualification, prerequisite, standard, practice, or procedure may be enforced without such proceeding if the qualification, prerequisite, standard, practice, or procedure has been submitted by the chief legal officer or other appropriate official of such State or subdivision to the Attorney General and the Attorney General has not interposed an objection within sixty days after such submission, except that neither the Attorney General's failure to object nor a declaratory judgment entered under this section shall bar a subsequent action to enjoin enforcement of such qualification, prerequisite, standard, practice, or procedure. Any action under this section shall be heard and determined by a court of three judges in accordance with the provisions of section 2284 of title 28 of the United States Code and any appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party declares the actions of the South Dakota Republican caucus and the Republican Governor's Office as unacceptable because they are intended to undermine the constitutional rights of Native American populations to participate in free elections and the South Dakota Democratic Party calls on the Governor, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Legislature to repeal punitive restrictions named in this resolution and to work productively to make it as easy as possible for all South Dakotans to participate in the election process.

Right to Vote Resolution

WHEREAS, the right to vote is fundamental to a democratic society; and,

WHEREAS, recent changes in South Dakota election laws make it more difficult to exercise the right to vote; especially for senior citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Dakota Democratic Party supports legislation to simplify the voting process.

Senior Issues Resolution

Resolution #1

WHEREAS, many South Dakota seniors depend on Medicare for health insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, many health care providers are unable to make Medicare services available for the amount of reimbursement currently available for Medicare; and

WHEREAS, the current rates of Medicare reimbursement are grossly inadequate to ensure quality medical care for South Dakota seniors;

WHEREAS the 2004 Medicare bill did increase Medicare reimbursement to rural States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Dakota Democratic Party urges the U.S. Congress to continue to enact reasonable and adequate Medicare reimbursement rates.

Senior Issues Resolutions

Resolution #2

WHEREAS, lower prescription drug costs are greatly needed for all seniors and all South Dakotans;

WHEREAS the 2004 Medicare Bill does NOT lower prescription drug costs for most South Dakota seniors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Dakota Democratic Party supports elimination of prescription drug discriminatory pricing practices and a shortening of prescription drug patent life to lower prescription drug costs.

Wilderness Resolution

WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest has inventoried 71,000 acres of Forest Service roadless lands in South Dakota that meet the stringent criteria for potential wilderness designation; and

WHEREAS, two areas have been recommended for wilderness designation by the most recent Record of Decision released by the U.S. Forest Service, Indian Creek (23,890 acres) and Red Shirt (13,750 acres); and

WHEREAS, a Citizen's Proposal for Wilderness in South Dakota has included the two above areas, though with higher acreages and more logical boundaries, and identified two additional areas suitable for inclusion in the wilderness designation, the Cheyenne River area (8,555 acres) and First Black Canyon area (10,218 acres); and

WHEREAS, these four areas, located in the Buffalo Gap National Grassland in southwestern South Dakota, total 71,381 acres and represent less than 0.1% of the state's acreage and approximately 12% of the total Buffalo Gap National Grasslands; and,

WHEREAS, these unique roadless areas, with their special landscapes, can only be permanently protected by Congressional designation as wilderness areas; and,

WHEREAS, these areas would be the first nationally designated wilderness areas on our National Grasslands; and,

WHEREAS, wilderness designation does not affect the public's access to and use of these public lands for non-mechanized recreation and education; and,

WHEREAS, wilderness designation does allow grazing and maintenance of facilities to support grazing; and,

WHEREAS, this Citizens Proposal for Wilderness in South Dakota is supported by many prominent South Dakota Democratic faithful;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the South Dakota Democratic Party supports wilderness designation for the four above suggested areas, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of South Dakota, the South Dakota Congressional Delegation, and any other interested party.

**South Dakota Libertarian Party
2004 Platform**

"As reaffirmed at the 2004 South Dakota Libertarian Party Convention in Belle Fourche, the Bill of Rights continues to be the official political platform of the Party:

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment III

No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

Amendment VII

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

Platform of the Constitution Party of South Dakota

The preamble to the South Dakota Constitution says,

“Under God, the People Rule”

We, the members of the SD Constitution Party, gratefully acknowledge the blessing of the triune Lord God as Creator, Preserver and Ruler of the Universe, and of our nation and state. We hereby appeal to Him for, aid, comfort, and the protection of His Providence as we work to restore and protect our state as a government under Biblical authority.

The SD Constitution Party, believing that there has been a concerted and successful campaign for many years to divorce national and state governments from all connection with the Christian religion and Biblical law (whereas in reality Almighty God is the source of all power and authority for civil government); that the ascended Lord Jesus Christ is the Lord of lords, the Ruler of the nations; and that our Western civilization's legal code has been based on the Christian religion and Biblical law, affirms that apart from a godly base there can be no hope or blessing for our state and society.

Furthermore, both the Federal and SD Constitutions establish a republican form of government, rather than a democracy. In a republic governed by constitutional law, rooted in Biblical law, all life, liberty and property are protected by law, and are self-evident rights endowed by our Creator.

We pledge to and to one another to labor, using every wise and lawful means, to promote the platform positions herein set forth.

Abortion

The pre-born child, whose life begins at conception, is a human person created in God's image. It is, therefore, the duty civil government to secure and to safeguard the lives of the pre-born as well as infants and all other innocent life. Further, the SD Constitution Party will not support or in any way contribute to any candidate who does not pledge and act to defend and promote the inviolable right to life of innocent human beings, from the moment of conception to natural death --without exception.

Aids

Under no circumstances should the Federal government continue to subsidize activities which have the effect of homosexual conduct. Criminal penalties should apply to those whose willful acts of omission or commission place members of the public at risk.

Bring Government Back Home

The 10th Amendment to the Constitution makes clear that the Federal government has only those functions which are explicitly assigned to it. All other rights and authority are reserved to the states and to the people.

Congressional Reform

Congress must once again be accountable to the people. The SD Constitution Party calls for the following agenda to facilitate such reform: Apply to Congress all laws it has enforced upon the private citizens and abolish Congressional Pensions.

Constitutional Convention

We oppose any attempt to call for a Constitutional Convention, for any purpose whatsoever because it cannot be limited to any single issue, and such convention could seriously erode our constitutional protection of our inalienable rights.

Cost of Big Government

The only legitimate purpose of civil government is to safeguard the God-given rights of its citizens; namely, life, liberty, and property. Only those duties, functions, and programs specifically assigned to the Federal government by the Constitution should be funded.

Crime

Crime in most cases is to be dealt with by state and local governments. We favor the unimpeded right of states and localities to execute criminals convicted of capital crimes, as defined by Biblical law, and to require restitution for the victims of criminals. Federal interference with local judicial processes should be limited to that which is constitutionally permitted.

Defense

The United States should not bear that burden of being the world's policeman. We oppose unilateral dismantlement and dismemberment of America's defense infrastructure. That which is hastily torn down will not be easily rebuilt.

Under no circumstances would we commit U.S. forces to serve under any flag but that of the United States of America. We are opposed to any New World Order, and we flatly reject U.S. participation in any New World Army. We should be the friend of liberty everywhere, but the guarantor and provisioner of ours alone.

Drug Abuse

The Constitution Party will uphold the right of states and localities to restrict access to drugs and to enforce such restrictions in appropriate cases with application of the death penalty.

Education

God has invested parents with the responsibility for the nurture and training of the children He has entrusted to them. Education must be free from any federal government subsidy and all government interference. We favor abolishing the Federal Department of Education.

Election Reform

The SD Constitution Party seeks the restoration of an electoral process which is controlled at the state and local level, and is beyond manipulation by Federal judges and bureaucrats. Elections should be accountable to the people, not to the government.

Energy

We call attention to the continuing need of the United States for a sufficient supply of energy to sustain the nation's standard of living. Private property rights should be respected, and government should not interfere with the development of potential energy sources.

Environment

It is a prime responsibility of man to be a prudent, productive, and efficient steward of God's natural resources. The proper exercise of stewardship demands that we avoid the extremes, that we escape the deadly hand of government confiscation; and that we recognize and preserve the right of the individual to acquire, own and use property so long as he does not infringe on the rights of other individuals to do the same. We call for a return to the states and to the people all lands which are held by the Federal government or the United Nations, without authorization by the Constitution.

Euthanasia

The SD Constitution Party is on record as recognizing and putting first the sanctity of human life. Just as we oppose abortion, so we adamantly oppose murder. We oppose any laws which condone or would legalize euthanasia, the so-called "mercy killing" of the aged, the ailing, or the infirm.

Gambling

We believe that the basic principle of gambling (as defined by the courts) is a game of chance in which money is either lost or won, and as such is an immoral activity. It is a denial of the Biblical teaching of the rule of God's providence over our lives, a denial of the work-ethic, and a denial of the principle of stewardship of the wealth that God has entrusted to us. Therefore, we oppose all forms of gambling, whether illegal or government-sponsored.

Gun Control

The right of the people to keep and bear arms is inherent in the right of self defense, defense of the family, and defense against tyranny, which was conferred on the individual and the community by our Creator. As one of the fundamental rights of man, the right to arms predates all civil government, and thus can never be rightfully denied. The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution expressly forbids the infringement in any degree whatsoever, no matter how "reasonable" or well intentioned.

Therefore, the Constitution Party opposes any attempt to restrict or prohibit gun ownership and use by law-abiding citizens, and stands firmly against all laws which would require registration of firearms and ammunition or the government's permission to carry them.

Immigration

Each year some 400,000 legal immigrants and another 300,000 illegals enter the United States. The Constitution Party demands that the Federal government restore the former immigration policy which required that potential immigrants will be disqualified from admission to the U.S. if, on the grounds of health, criminality, morals, or financial dependence, they would impose an improper burden on persons already resident in the United States.

Individual Rights

Each and every citizen must be free to choose his friends and associates; to offer, seek or refuse employment and to rent or sell his property to whoever he wishes.

Money and Banking

Over the years, the Federal government has radically departed from the constitutional principles of money and banking. Today's monetary system is precisely what the Founding Fathers feared most and sought to prohibit constitutionally. We believe that to restore integrity, credibility and stability to the nation's money and banking system, we must disestablish the Federal Reserve System, restore the constitution system of having gold and silver backing for our paper currency, and abolish Fractional Reserve Banking.

Privatization

There is no constitutional basis for the Federal government engaging in such enterprises as Amtrak, Conrail, the TVA, or the Oak Ridge uranium enrichment facility. The SD Constitution Party calls for the Federal government to divest itself of operations which are not authorized by the Constitution.

Religious Freedom

The Federal government (and its agencies and courts) continues to restrict the free exercise and expression of religion. In the strongest manner possible, the SD Constitution Party calls on the courts, the IRS and all other Federal, State and local government agencies to uphold religious freedom in this nation as constitutionally guaranteed.

Socialized Medicine

The SD Constitution Party opposes the governmentalization and bureau-cratization of American medicine. Government regulation and subsidy constitutes a threat to both the quality and the availability of patient-oriented health care and treatment. If the supply of medical care is controlled by the Federal government, the officers of that government will determine which demand is satisfied.

Social Security

The SD Constitution Party supports legislation to require that the Federal government meet its obligations and protect Social Security funds as a trust which can be used only to fulfill its obligations to those who have contributed to the system. Further, we favor privatization and voluntary participation in the Social Security system.

Tariffs and Trade

Congress may not delegate to others its constitutional functions. We, therefore, oppose the unconstitutional transfer of authority over U.S. trade policy from the Congress to agencies, domestic and foreign, which improperly exercise policy-setting functions with respect to U.S. trade policy.

Taxation

We call for legislation to abolish the Internal Revenue Service. We oppose any authorization, appropriation, or continuing resolution which contains any funding whatsoever for that illicit and unconstitutional agency. It is our intention to replace entirely the current tax system of the U.S. government with a new approach based on the original design of our Founding Father.

Veto Authority

We urge the President of the United States to use his veto power to terminate funding for all Federal departments, agencies, and regulatory authorities which exist or operate beyond the bounds of the U.S. Constitution.

Welfare

Charity, and provision of welfare to those in need, is not a responsibility of civil government. The message of Christian charity is fundamentally at odds with the concept of welfare rights. In many cases, the delivery of welfare by government is not only misdirected, but morally destructive. We encourage individual families to fulfill their personal responsibility to help those in need through tithes, offerings and other acts of charity.